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WAS ELIGIBLE.

Decision of Athletic Union in Case of Dewitt Gives New York Championship.

(Associated Press.)

New York, March 31.—By a vote of 25 to 7, the amateur athletic unions board of governors has decided that John R. Dewitt was eligible to represent the New York Athletic Club at the Olympic games, St. Louis, last August. This decision gives the New York Athletic Club the Spalding trophy for the championship of the world.

DOWAGER DUCHESS DEAD.

(Associated Press.)

London, March 31.—The Dowager Duchess of Abercorn, who was Louisa Jane Russell, daughter of the sixth duke of Bedford, died to-day of gastritis at Coates Castle, Sussex.

STEAMER RETURNS.

Fairmouth, Eng., March 31.—The Atlantic transport line steamer Manitou, which sailed from London on March 17th for New York, put back here to-day with her thrust shaft fractured.

ARE AGAIN MOVING ON THE RUSSIANS

ADVANCE OF OYAMA'S MAIN ARMY BEGINS

Japanese Minister in French Capital Reports Regarding the Peace Negotiations.

St. Petersburg, March 31.—12.26 p.m.—The news from the front to-day indicates that Field Marshal Oyama has begun a genuine advance of his main army with wings far extended.

Heavy reconnaissances are being made against the Russian centre with the object of developing the Russian position.

COMPLETE CHANGE IN SITUATION.

Paris, March 31.—1.55 p.m.—Whatever hopefulness the peace situation may have had some days ago the situation has now completely changed and there is every prospect that the war will drag on again. Consequently dispatches appearing in America saying that Foreign Minister Delcasse and Dr. Motono, the Japanese minister to France, have been conferring at the former's house relative to peace, is inaccurate.

The foregoing view of the situation is taken by the parties immediately concerned, and it is asserted with the authority of the foreign office and the Japanese legation.

The Associated Press correspondent has talked lengthily with Doctor Motono during the last few days, and the situation heretofore set forth in these dispatches is reflected in the view of Dr Motono and others directly concerned, although with the usual casual reservation of not using their names. However, in view of continued reports that there were indications that Minister Delcasse and Dr. Motono were taking an active part in the negotiations, the correspondent of the Associated Press called at the Japanese legation to-day and requested Dr. Motono to furnish a decisive statement which would put at rest all misunderstandings. Accordingly the minister gave the Associated Press the following category statement, which was taken in writing and may be accepted as authoritatively clearing the situation:

"I tell you explicitly that there are no peace negotiations or preliminaries for initiating peace in progress at this time, so far as I am aware, and I believe my information to be complete. I am not desirous of discussing the general question of peace, for, owing to the complete absence of negotiations or preliminaries towards negotiations, that question can be only academic and without practical results.

"The statement that I have conferred with M. Delcasse at his residence is false and calculated to confuse a situation which is perfectly plain. There is no representative of Japan authorized at this time to discuss peace, or foreshadow, in the slightest whit, conditions the Japanese government might consider if the negotiations assumed a practical stage. On the contrary, Japan is now engaged in conducting an active military campaign and she will resolutely proceed with that important work."

It can be added that the introduction of the foregoing dispatch as well as the portion quoted was submitted to Dr. Motono, who approved every word.

RUSSIAN PAPERS SILENT ABOUT PEACE.

St. Petersburg, March 31, 12.20 p.m.—The newspapers to-day are so significantly silent about the peace reports from abroad that it leads to the inference that they have been warned by the government of the inadvisability of airing their views at this time. Those papers which have been favoring peace say nothing, while the small section of the press which has been insisting on a continuation of the war contents itself with the reproduction of articles from foreign newspapers showing that peace now means the abandonment forever of Russia's position on the Pacific.

HAS POOR OPINION OF GENERAL STOESSEL.

Portland, Ore., March 31.—A. Verschini, civil governor of Port Arthur before the surrender of the fortress to the Japanese, passed through Portland en route from the Orient to Russia.

Mr. Verschini bitterly resents the surrender of Gen. Stoessel, which he believes could have been postponed for two months at least.

When asked what import attached to these two months, the former governor replied that the surrender by releasing 100,000 Japanese and an immense amount of heavy artillery, was undoubtedly responsible for the sanguinary defeat of the Russians at Mukden.

The former governor has a poor opinion of the ability of General Stoessel, whom he rates as inferior as a comamnder to several generals beneath him in rank. The two commanders to whom Verschini gives the credit for resisting the Japanese during the long siege, are Generals Smirnoff and Kondratenko.

REPORTED SELECTION OF A MEDIATOR.

New York, March 31.—The repeated announcements in regard to the proximity of peace are confirmed. It is asserted in a dispatch from a Times correspondent at St. Petersburg, by information from what is called most responsible source, that the Russians and Japanese have selected President Roosevelt as mediator, that negotiations are already in progress, and that the suspension of hostilities may be shortly expected.

After detailing reports as to the negative conditions of peace laid down by Russia and set forth recently in dispatches to the Associated Press, the Times correspondent adds:

"The selection of President Roosevelt as mediator, which was due to Japanese initiative, is regarded here as evidence of excellent discrimination. The Japanese thereby secure a firm friend, who at the same time will make it a point of honor to bring the negotiations to a successful close, and who therefore would not be likely to have accepted the difficult post of mediator if the Japanese intended to present exorbitant demands."

RUSSIAN COLLIERS ORDERED TO HONGKONG.

Port Louis, Island of Mauritius, March 31.—A report is current here to the effect that the colliers accompanying the Russian squadron commanded by Admiral Rojestvensky were ordered to go to Hongkong by way of Batavia, Island of Java.

GEN. LINEVITCH'S CHIEF OF STAFF.

St. Petersburg, March 31.—It is officially announced that Gen. Karkevitch has been appointed Gen. Linevitch's chief of staff in place of Gen. Sakharoff, who has been transferred to the Alexander committee for the care of the wounded. Gen. Stakelberg has also been appointed a member of the committee.

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THE TERRORISTS BAFFLE POLICE

UNABLE TO DISCOVER HEAD OF ORGANIZATION

Fighting Section Has Thirty Condemned Persons on Its List—Prisoners Refuse to Talk.

(Associated Press.)

St. Petersburg, March 31, 12.15 p.m.—The authorities continue to find evidence of terrorist activity in St. Petersburg, and in spite of the precautions of the police another tragedy may occur at any moment.

The fighting organization is known to have in its condemned list thirty persons, headed by the Grand Duke Alexis and Governor-General Trepoff, but the police, although they have arrested several persons with bombs in their possession and have taken many suspects into custody, have been completely baffled in their efforts to discover the invisible head which is directing the campaign of the terrorists.

The police theory continues to be that the central organizations of those engaged in the conspiracies are at Geneva and in Paris, and that the men arrested in Russia are agents selected to execute the sentences.

When arrested these agents invariably are true to their oaths and refuse to divulge anything, no matter to what ordeal they are subjected.

Yesterday the police by chance foiled what is believed to have been a plot to kill Governor-General Trepoff.

According to the latest details of the affair, a man was observed during the morning lounging at the corner of Great Morskaia street, about a block away from the entrance to Gen. Trepoff's chancellory. The man attracted no attention at first as he wore the red cap which is the distinctive mark of the employees of the messenger company whose messengers stand at every street corner. But at last a policeman noticing that the man's face was not familiar to him approached the supposed messenger with the object of interrogating him. The man thereupon grew alarmed, drew a revolver and fired at the policeman, but missed him. The policeman then overpowered his assailant and arrested him.

Almost at the same hour that the bogus messenger was being arrested on Great Morskaia street, the police, who have been keeping a sharp lookout at the palace and lodging houses, discovered several bombs of the terriorist pattern in a trunk belonging to a stranger who occupied a furnished room in a house on Pushkin street, but who was absent at the time the police searched his apartments. The man was promptly taken into custody when he returned, and last night two individuals, who called to see him, were also arrested. All the prisoners declined to give any account of themselves.

Although the police are reticent, refusing to furnish any information or give the names of the prisoners, the arrested man on Great Morskaia street probably was on the lookout for some mark by which to distinguish General Trepoff's carriage, as several vehicles of the same style are constantly before the governor-general's chancellory, and when he drives out they circle around and leave in different directions, so that it is almost impossible in the confusion to determine definitely which carriage contains the governor-general. It is said that Governor Trepoff a fortnight ago received a letter informing him that this ruse was unavailing, as he would be killed in his bed.

WILL RUSH WORK ON THE V., V. & E.

ROAD TO BE COMPLETED WITHIN THREE YEARS

The Victoria Terminal Will Be Included in Amalgamation of Hill Interests.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, March 31.—James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern, stated in New York on Monday last that it was the intention of the V., V. & E. Company to build to the Pacific coast as quickly as the surveys can be completed and the work of construction can be carried out.

It is expected that over one hundred miles on the eastern end, where the surveys are nearly ready, will be built during 1905, and that the whole road to New Westminster bridge will be finished within three years.

An amalgamation of the Hill interests, including the Port Guichon-Sidney connection with Victoria, may then be expected.

WINNIPEG NOTES.

Canadian Pacific Railway Extension—Seizure of Lumber—The Australian Cricketers.

(Associated Press.)

Winnipeg, March 31.—The Australian cricket team, on its way to England, left Fiji Islands this morning, and will reach Vancouver on April 12th, Winnipeg 15th, sailing from New York on the 19th. The first match in England is set for May 4th.

Railway Extension.

The Canadian Pacific announces that the Winnipeg beach line will be extended this year sixteen miles, and completed to Icelandic river and Gimli, 35 miles, next season.

Lumber Seized.

Forest Ranger Young has seized a million feet of lumber cut in Swan River district by portable mills.

Conferred Degree.

The degree of D. D. was conferred on John Hogg at the closing exercises of Manitoba College last night.

Mr. Whyte Interviewed.

Mr. Whyte when seen by a reporter to-day, with respect to the extension of the Teulon, or Winnipeg beach branches, northward towards the Icelandic river, stated that he had made arrangements to build 16 miles this year, about one-half the distance, and the balance next year. Mr. Whyte also stated that he was desirous of building 25 miles east and 25 miles west of Saskatoon for the convenience of the large settlements that are now in that territory. He also is endeavering to make arrangements to build from the northwest section south to the Quill lakes.

Contracts are also being let for the Wolser-Reston line, the completion of the Kirkella line to a mileage of 202, the extension of the Wetaskiwin and Lacombe sections, fifty miles of each, and possibly a line from a point in British Columbia to the boundary. The double tracking east of Winnipeg has by no means been dropped. It is a live issue at the present moment. He also informed the reporter that there was a great quantity of grade revision work being left out for the season, which must be overtaken, all these things entailing the expenditure of a vast sum of money in the West. Heavy pressure is being brought to bear on Mr. Whyte from other settlements for railway conveniences, but it would be well nigh impossible to get men and the material necessary to undertake any work over what he has outlined above, even if everything else were clear for carrying out the construction.

Bank Clearings.

The bank clearings in Winnipeg for the month were $23,404,817; in 1904, they were $19,524,990, and in 1903, $16,505,287.

CUSTOMS RECEIPTS.

Of the Dominion—Prince Edward Island Delegates Ask For Tunnel.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, March 31.—The customs receipts of the Dominion for the nine months ending with March were $30,916,179; compared with $30,163,285 for the same time last year, an increase of $752,916. The receipts for the month of March were $3,694,161, an increase of $134,909 over March, 1904.

Proposed Tunnel.

A delegation from Prince Edward Island, which waited on the government to-day, asked for the construction of a tunnel between the island and mainland. The delegation got an offer from M. J. Haney, contractor, to build the tunnel for ten million dollars.

WAREHOUSES BURNING.

(Associated Press.)

Sebastopol, March 31.—The warehouses of the Russian Steamship Company are on fire. The conflagration, which is of incendiary origin, has done an immense amount of damage.

THE KAISER AT TANGIER.

Received Hearty Welcome When He Landed From the Steamer Hamburg.

(Associated Press.)

Tangier, Morocco, March 31.—The Hamburg-American line steamer Hamburg, with the German Emperor on board, arrived here this morning from Lisbon.

His Majesty was welcomed on landing by the representatives of the Sultan, the diplomatic corps and a large crowd of people. The usual salutes were exchanged between the escorting German cruiser Prinz Friedrich Karl and the land batteries and the French warships Lenois and Duchayla, now in these waters.

The town presents a most picturesque spectacle. Flowers, rich Moorish embroideries, fine rugs and brilliant eastern costumes made up a scene heretofore unknown in Tangier.

HAVE BEEN POSTPONED.

Demands of Hungarian Majority Laid Over For Two Years.

(Associated Press.)

Buda Pest, March 31.—It is reported that an understanding has been arrived at between the crown and the Hungarian majority in the diet whereby the war department and the opposition will postpone for two years their respective demands regarding the Hungarian army, namely, on the part of the crown that German be used in words of command and on the part of the opposition that words of command be delivered in Hungarian.

AN ALTERNATIVE RAILWAY SCHEME

LEGISLATURE ASKED TO TAKE ITS CHOICE

Substantive Agreement Which is Said to Exist Between James Dunsmuir and C. P. R.

The bill regarding the E. & N. sale to the C. P. R. at Ottawa will, it is understood, have to be duplicated in the legislature of the province in order to be of any effect. The members of the House have, it is believed, been approached on the subject and asked to favor such a bill if introduced.

Naturally there is considerable opposition to this and a number refuse to sanction the section which is interpreted as meaning exemption from taxation for the lands for all time.

Another phase of the situation, however, has presented itself which is causing some members to view this subject in an entirely different light. It is said that with the falling through of the original agreement a substantive one comes into effect by which the C. P. R. and James Dunsmuir become co-partners in the E. & N. and the company remains as at present, the land being exempt.

It is further reported that according to this second agreement, which comes into effect upon the former one lapsing, that while the C. P. R. controls the operation of the railway the interests of Mr. Dunsmuir are protected to the extent that future extensions of the line are not to be made except with his consent.

Now the members of the legislature are asked to decide on these representations which is the better course to pursue, to give the land exemption as at present, the C. P. R. to have absolute control of the E. & N. railway, or to permit this agreement to be passed over and the new one come into effect making the land exempt but James Dunsmuir to have a say in the future development of the Island by the C. P. R.

Many members of the legislature are said to be willing to support a bill ratifying the first agreement.

J. S. Dennis, land commissioner of the C. P. R., left last evening. The railway policy of the government is supposed to have left with him. The Premier, whom J. Murphy described as keeping his party in line by promising railway legislation, is now attempting to rush work through the House and reach prorogation by the end of next week.

THE GRAND NATIONAL.

Kirkland Won in a Field of Twenty-Seven Starters.

(Associated Press.)

Liverpool, March 31.—Kirkland won the Grand National steeplechase of 2,350 sovereigns, a handicap for five-year-olds and upwards, a distance of about 4½ miles, to-day. Napper Tandy was second, and Buckaway II. was third. Twenty-seven horses started.

MINISTER'S SUICIDE.

Rev. M. D. Congdon Hanged Himself in Room at Buffalo State Hospital.

(Associated Press.)

Buffalo, N. Y., March 31.—Rev. Moyes D. Congdon, a Methodist minister, a patient at the the Buffalo State hospital, committed suicide by hanging himself in his room at the institution early to-day. Mr. Congdon was 67 years old, and had been a sufferer from melancholy a long time.

DOMICILE OF THE LATE MAGNATE

COUNSEL CLAIMS IT WAS IN CALIFORNIA

By Virtue of Description Appearing in His Documents—Judge Coffey's Decision in 'Frisco.

The decision of Judge Coffey, knocking out the probate of Alex. Dunsmuir's will in San Francisco, was played up by the Bay City press in its customary illuminated style. The accounts were embellished by pictures, real and alleged, of Edna Wallace Hopper, and the captions were striking enough to attract the attention and arouse the interest of the most indifferent. One was "Mrs. Hopper Gets Firmer Hold on Dunsmuir Estate," another, "Edna Wallace Hopper Scores a Big Victory—Dunsmuir Millions Near Her Grasp," while a third, much more modest in its pretensions, merely states that "Edna Wallace Gains a Point."

Judge Coffey's opinion was a most exhaustive one, and should serve as an important precedent. He says that "It is a new point in this state as presented here. This is a motion made to set aside a judgment because it is void upon its face. It is a direct attack upon that judgment. In the Goldtree case the issue as to this was incidental and collateral; the point decided was that the judgment, whether erroneous or not, was conclusive as against the collateral attack.

"There were other points in that case upon which the judgment turned, but this was the only one pertaining to the discussion here and the ruling thereon could not be considered as authoritative and binding on this motion, which presents the issue for the first time in a direct manner. So far as this case is concerned in this state it is a new question, and this court is without the advantage of authority in our reports up to date; but there are numerous decisions in other states which sustain the principles of this motion, and in all cases where the circumstances are analagous it has been declared that the statute relating to probate of foreign wills has no reference to a will executed in the state wherein the testator resided at the time of his death and that the proper place for probate of such a will is in the domestic forum.

"It appears that the testator was domiciled here instead of abroad at the time of his death, and in such cases there should have been original probate in the domiciliary form, which is the principal, primary, original or chief administration, because the laws of the domicile govern the distribution of the personal property, while that granted in any other country is ancillary or auxiliary. It is true the descriptive words are not found in our statutes, but the principles are there with local limitations.

"Attorneys for James Dunsmuir argued that although the papers said he was a 'resident of California,' that did not mean he was 'domiciled' here. This distinction, although ingeniously elaborated by counsel for proponent, is not tenable under our statutes.

"It should appear upon the case of the record that the formalities prescribed by the code have been in all essentials complied with; it is a requisite that it shall be shown that the will was executed under some jurisdiction and under some law, either the law of the place where the will was propounded or the law of California; but the record is silent upon that indispensable point and imparts no information which would authorize an inference or indulge a presumption that the requirements of the statute were fulfilled, even if inferences or presumptions were permissible in the premises."

According to the San Francisco Examiner the decision of Judge Coffey in San Francisco requires the filing of new petitions for letters of administration, and that incidentally it subjects $750,000 worth of property to the collateral inheritance tax of $30,000.

In the local appeal hearing Sir Charles Tupper still has the floor. This morning he devoted considerable time to remarks on points of law in relation to undue influence, after which he took up the question of probate. He was proceeding to show that it was necessary for the will to be executed in accordance of the law of domicile, when the Chief Justice interrupted and asked if this point was disputed. Mr. Davis, counsel for the defendant, nodded a negative reply, and Sir Charles was enabled, therefore, to cut this section of his argument short. He then went on with his contention that Alex. Dunsmuir's legal domicile was the state of California. All his documents and his will described him as "Alex. Dunsmuir of California." The same appeared in his marriage license and certificate.

Mr. Bodwell (interjecting sotto voce): "Yes, and these he took out himself."

"And," added Sir Charles, "these were taken out by Mr. Dunsmuir himself." Sir Charles knew he couldn't be wrong in accepting this suggestion from Mr. Bodwell, who has had practical experience as well as theoretical knowledge on this latter point.

In his argument yesterday afternoon Sir Charles dealt with the circumstances of the execution of the will of 1899 at the house of Mrs. Agnew and the extraordinary change of attitude of Mr. Lowe, who before the commission in San Francisco flatly contradicted the evidence given by him at the trial here.



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THE JAPANESE SCOUTS ARE ACTIVE

TRYING TO PIERCE THE RUSSIAN VANGUARD

An Interview With the Mikado's Minister in London on the Peace Rumors.

Harbin, March 30.—Japanese scouting parties are active in endeavoring to pierce the screen of the Russian vanguard posts and develop the disposition and strength of the positions, their attempts at times verging on the nature of reconnaissances in force.

A few Japanese batteries which have pushed forward occasionally drop shells in unprotected places.

Yesterday there was a small brush where Gen. Mistchenko is stationed, the Japanese pressing forward in a determined endeavor to make the reconnaissances and learn the dispositions in this quarter. The Russians repelled the advance without uncovering their dispositions. There were insignificant losses.

Aside from these reconnaissances, affairs are generally quiet in the southern positions.

GEN. LINEVITCH'S ADDRESS TO TROOPS.

St. Petersburg, March 30.—General Linevitch has issued this address to his troops.

"The Emperor has been pleased to appoint me commander-in-chief of the Manchurian army. In my battles—those of the Shakhe and Hun rivers, at Poutiloff and Novgorod hills, at the front at Kandulisan and Gangu passes, and on the Mukden positions—you have most bravely repulsed most serious attacks by the enemy and dealt enormous losses. Let every man accomplish manfully his sacred duty to the Emperor and the Fatherland. The enemy cannot hold out before Russian valor, and reinforcements are coming unceasingly from Russia. May God help you in the coming battle."

AN INTERVIEW WITH BARON HAYASHI.

London, March 30.—Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister, declared to the Associated Press to-night that he had information in regard to the announcement contained in the St. Petersburg dispatches of the Associated Press that Russia had indirectly make known to the Japanese the negative conditions on which peace might be concluded, namely, no cession of territory and no indemnity, leaving Japan to determine whether peace negotiations could be begun upon that basis, but he said unreservedly that the terms then mentioned could not be even considered, and added:

"A cession of territory and indemnity are the only points negotiable, as Japan's ante-bellum demands have already been secured by Japan."

M. Takahashi, the Japanese special financial commissioner, in an interview to-day, said to the Associated Press:

"The war cost between $250,000,000 and $300,000,000 the first year, and it is estimated that it will cost $450,000,000 during the present year. It would be unprecedented in the history of great wars that no indemnity and no territory be given up by the vanquished."

"While it is beyond my province to discuss terms of peace, I can express my personal opinion. As the war was forced upon Japan, it is not likely that she will waive the right to an indemnity and cession of territory when concluding peace. What indemnity will be demanded I cannot say, but it is my private opinion that it will at least cover the expense of the war. If Russia assumes that a continuance of the war will hurt our finances before hers it is a mistake. We can maintain a sufficient army in Manchuria to keep out the Russians indefinitely, but this will necessitate Japan remaining in Manchuria and administering the province on a war footing, which we do not desire. Manchuria is fertile and productive, and an army can be maintained there more economically than in the case of the opposing force in Siberia. If Russia is prepared for the test of a war of finances we are willing. The longer the war lasts the more certain we will be that it will not be resumed."

CZAR'S REPLY

To the Petition of the Finnish Diet—Concedes Two Points.

St. Petersburg, March 30.—The Emperor has given an answer to the petition of the Finnish Diet asking that a number of imperial decrees be withdrawn or submitted for the approval of the Diet. These include the Military Conscription Act, the manifesto of 1899, placing the imperial interests in Finland under the Russian authorities, the manifesto of 1900 providing for the use of the Russian language in the principal departments, the irremovability of judges, the employment of Russian public departments, the restriction upon the Senate's part in the administration, and the concentration of the executive power in the hands of the governor-general.

The Emperor in his decision concedes two points: The suspension of the Conscription Act until 1908, when the whole question will be submitted to the Diet, and in lieu of military service, Finland will have to pay a contribution of $2,000,000 in the same way as the Mussulmans of Caucasus pay, instead of furnishing recruits.

In this matter the Emperor went beyond the recommendations of the Russian Senate, to which the petition was submitted, and acted upon the advice of Prince John Obolensky, the governor-general of Finland, who favored concession to Finnish public opinion.

The Emperor has conceded the point of the irremovability of judges.

How News Is Received.

Helsingfors, March 30.—The telegraphic report giving the nature of the Emperor's reply to the petition of the diet, is only partly satisfactory to the Finns. The diet took the position that unless the whole petition was granted it would decline to proceed with legislation. For three months the sittings of the diet have been purely formal. The term of the diet expires in the middle of April.

The imperial decision is regarded by the constitutionalists as being a temporary makeshift to relieve the present tension. The suspension of the conscription act will undoubtedly remove the possibility of a serious disturbance next month, when the levies were to be made. Although only 190 men were to be taken for the Finnish battalion, the law required that 290 youths submit themselves to the levy of conscripts from which the 190 would be chosen by lot, the Russians thereby compelling recognition of the right of conscription.

TERRORISTS ARRESTED.

Members of "Bomb" Section Taken Into Custody.

London, March 31.—Dispatches from St. Petersburg to the Daily Mail and the Standard report several arrests of prominent terrorists belonging to the inner or "bomb" section.

According to the Daily Mail's dispatch, one of the persons arrested is a wealthy man named Zavitsky and two are women. One of these latter, named Ivanofskaia, an anarchist, had been vainly sought by the police since the assassination of Emperor Alexander II., and the other is a beautiful girl named Leonteeva, belonging to a prominent official family.

It is also stated that these and the man arrested in Great Morskaia street Thursday had been watching the movements of Governor-General Trepoff, Grand Duke Vladimir and Minister of the Interior Bouligan.

THE WEEK'S APPOINTMENTS.

List of Those Who Have Captured Government Billets.

The following appointments are gazetted in this week's provincial Gazette:

Edward H. Hicks Beach, of Hazelton, S.M., to be a coroner within and for the province of British Columbia.

David Griffith Williams, of Vancouver, to be a notary public in and for the province of British Columbia.

James A. Fraser, of Atlin, to be a stipendiary magistrate, and a magistrate under the "Small Debts Act," in and for the county of Atlin, from the 25th day of March, 1905.

George Cunningham, of Greenwood, mining recorder, to be acting government agent, acting gold commissioner, and acting registrar of marriages for the Greenwood mining division, acting registrar of the County court of Yale, acting registrar of the Supreme court, acting deputy clerk of the peace for the county of Yale, and acting recording officer under the Cattle Act for the Greenwood cattle district, during the absence on leave of William G. McMynn, S.M.

Arthur Richard Wolfenden, of Victoria, to be a notary public in and for the province of British Columbia.

Henry Clark Wright, of North Vancouver, to be a commissioner for taking affidavits in the Supreme court, for the purpose of acting under the Provincial Elections Act, in the Richmond electoral district. Such appointment will expire on the 31st day of December, 1905.

The undertaking of the city of Nelson to construct an electric power plant on the south side of the upper falls of the Kootenay river, about ten miles west of Nelson, for the purpose of increasing the supply of electric light and power within the limits of the city, has been approved.

The following companies have been incorporated: Export Lumber Co., Ltd., capital, $100,000; Interior Power Co., Ltd., capital, $25,000; Second Relief Mining Co., capital, $500,000; Sparwood Lumber Co., Ltd., capital, $35,000; Wilmot Lumber Co., Ltd., capital, $200,000.

The American Mining Co., of Anderson City, Indiana, has been registered as an extra-provincial company, capital, $50,000.

Courts of revision for the Skeena and Islands voters' lists will be held at Port Simpson and Ganges Harbor respectively on May 1st.

The appointment of Abraham Barlow, of Quesnel, as stipendiary magistrate for the Cariboo Electoral district has been rescinded.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

The Standard Oil Company has discontinued giving jobbers and wholesalers in Kansas concessions in the price of refined oil and gasoline. The effect of this order, it is said, is to take the business of handling kerosene away from the wholesalers, who now will have to pay the retail price.

John Cassidy, twenty years old, arrested at Springfield, Mass., on suspicion of starting a fire which threatened the lives of about fifty occupants of a tenement house, has confessed to having set the fire and admits the responsibility for that and several other fires in the neighborhood.

An American man-of-war will be sent to Port Au Prince to protect American interests. United States Minister Powell has reported that serious trouble is impending in Hayti and it is doubtful whether the authorities can maintain peace and order.

The governor of Tangier has dispatched an invitation to Raisuli, the brigand chief, to visit the town with the principal tribesmen to meet Emperor William. It is expected that the German legation has guaranteed Raisuli against any interference from the Moorish government.

Both houses of the legislature of Nebraska have passed a bill prohibiting sports on memorial day, and the governor will sign it. Horse racing, baseball games and other sports now permitted on Sunday in the state must not be engaged in on memorial day after the bill becomes a law. Penalties for violation of the terms of the measure include fines and imprisonment.

The announcement was made by the Bank of Montreal on Thursday that it had received subscriptions amounting to nearly $15,000,000, mostly from Montrealers, for the new Japanese loan. The subscribers will share in the New York allotment.

Despite the fact that the committee of the American board of commissioners for foreign missions has practically decided to accept the gift of $100,000 from John D. Rockefeller, a committee representing the Congregational clergymen of Boston and vicinity, who are opposed to the acceptance of the gift, decided Thursday to continue the protest.

Alarming conditions are reported officially to exist in the Cori district, Trans-Caucasia, where the losses sustained by the landed proprietors through peasant attacks and strikes have been enormous. More Cossacks have been sent into the district to help quell the disturbances.

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FROM TREE TO NEWSPAPER.

A London writer says that a German paper manufacturer at Essenthal has just made an experiment to see how rapidly it is possible to transform a tree into a newspaper. Three trees in the neighborhood of his factory were cut down at 7.35 in the morning. They were instantly barked and pulped, and the first roll of paper was ready at 9.34. It was lifted into an automobile that stood waiting and conveyed to the machine room of the nearest daily paper. The paper being already set, the printing began at once, and by 10 o'clock precisely the journal was on sale in the streets. The entire process of transformation had taken exactly two hours and twenty-five minutes.

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FOR SALE—Furniture of 11-roomed boarding house; owner leaving city. Apply to F. J. Bittancourt, auctioneer, 53 Blanchard street. Phone B518.

FOR SALE—Smith & Wesson revolver, hammerless, $14; Sandow's grips, $2.50; bike, Dunlop tires, $15; genuine leather valise, $3.50; doctor book, $5; travelling trunk, $6; plate camera, $3; boxing gloves, $2.25. Jacob Aaronson's new and second hand store, 64 Johnson street, two doors below Government street.

FOR SALE—Fresh caived Jersey cow and heifer calf. Apply J. H. Hughes, Tennyson road, Maywood, city.

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TO RENT—Well furnished front room; every convenience. Apply 92 View street.

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TO LET—Two furnished bedrooms and parlor, with breakfast; all conveniences. Apply 84 Discovery street.

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$1,500—Cottage, Fort street, and ½ lot.

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FOR SALE—Lot on Clarence street, James Bay, 60 ft. by 135 ft.; price $550, on terms.

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FOR SALE—Pretty home, near Birdcage Walk, James Bay; price $1,700, on easy terms.

FOR SALE—23 acres, Wilkinson road, 4 miles from city, mostly cultivated, 400-tree orchard, house, barn, etc.; price $3,150.

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FOR SALE—Fort street, lot 60x120, 9 roomed dwelling, with all modern conveniences; on terms if desired; price $8,000.

FOR SALE—Five roomed cottage and two lots, near tram line; only $1,000.

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FOR SALE—James Island, 165 acres, 30 acres cultivated, balance slashed and seeded, well watered, excellent run for sheep or cattle; cottage, barn, stables, sheep sheds, etc.; orchard of 112 trees, principally apples. Price $2,500. This is very cheap.

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FOR SALE—Pine street, good lot, 55 ft. by 135 ft., no rock; assessed value $240; our price $200.

FOR SALE—James Bay, corner lot, with five roomed dwelling, only $1,800.

FOR SALE—Pandora street, 10 roomed dwelling, all modern conveniences; $2,500.

FOR SALE—Oak Bay, 2½ acres, 4 roomed house, good soil, city water laid on.

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FOR SALE—Cottage and lot, Johnson street; nice home.

FOR SALE—7½ acres and small dwelling, near the exhibition buildings; $500 cash and balance in small monthly payments, no interest.

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, March 31.—5 a. m.—An ocean storm area is approaching Vancouver Island; it is causing fresh to high southerly winds on the Straits and rain will become general on the North Pacific Coast. Three inches of snow has fallen in Southern Alberta, and moderately cold weather extends eastward to Lake Superior.

Forecasts.

For 36 hours ending 5 p.m. Saturday.

Victoria and vicinity—Strong winds or gales from the southward, unsettled, with rain.

Lower Mainland—Fresh to high southerly winds on the Gulf, continued unsettled, with rain.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.93; temperature, 42; minimum, 40; wind, 4 miles S. E.; rain, trace; weather, cloudy.

Vancouver—Wind, 10 miles E.; weather, rain.

New Westminster—Barometer, 30.00; temperature, 36; minimum, 34; wind, 4 miles E.; rain, .44; weather, rain.

Nanaimo—Wind, 18 miles S. E.; weather, rain.

Kamloops—Barometer, 29.90; temperature, 38; minimum, 36; wind, 20 miles S.; weather, cloudy.

Barkerville—Barometer, 29.76; temperature, 24; minimum, 22; wind, calm; weather, clear.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.12; temperature, 48; minimum, 46; wind, 8 miles N.; weather, clear.

Edmonton—Barometer, 29.84; temperature, 32; minimum, 30; wind, 20 miles S.E.; weather, cloudy.

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The miners of Altoona, Pa., who are members of the joint scale committee, have sent to the operators a communication refusing to continue work up to April 5th in any mine where the employer will not agree to pay the present scale prices.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE

CLEVER CRITICISM OF THE GOVERNMENT

J. Murphy Aptly Reviews History of Ministry—Stuart Henderson Ably Follows in Attack.

Victoria, March 30th.

The House debated the estimates today, holding the first of the evening sittings for the purpose. The prohibition of wigs in the Supreme court was again considered. J. H. Hawthornthwaite proposed to limit these to red wigs, the only one acceptable to his party.

The speech of J. Murphy on the political situation was one of the best ever heard in the House. In his own humorous style he aptly described the do-nothing government which conducts the affairs. Stuart Henderson in the evening went very fully into the finances ad exposed much of the management of the administration. He was followed by the Attorney-General, who kept the House in session until after 11 o'clock.

Prayers were read by Rev. J. F. Vichert.

"Receiving Attention."

Before proceeding to the general business of the day, J. A. Macdonald asked the Premier if he had decided upon any legislation respecting railways. The House had been in session six weeks, and while it was announced in the King's speech that there would be railway legislation, yet no announcement had been made. The opposition had shown patience in the matter and had not pressed for answers from week to week. He thought it but right that an announcement should be made now.

Premier McBride said that the question of provincial aid to railways was at this time receiving his greatest attention.

This was received with laughter by the House.

The Premier said he did not take the leader of the opposition seriously in view of the votes of want of confidence on the order paper.

The leader of the opposition said it was for this very reason he asked the question.

Coal Mines Act.

On the third reading of the bill to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, R. [illegible] moved in amendment that "[illegible]" for the purposes of this act, shall mean the surface entrance to a mine, except in the case of a vertical shaft, when it shall mean the foot of the shaft."

He explained that when the amendment was introduced last year the excuse was that it was to bring the Crow's Nest mines into the same condition with respect to a day's work as the mines on the Island. He favored an eight-hours' day, but a man for an eight-hours' pay should give eight hours' work. He also thought that a man who wanted to work a few hours extra time should be allowed to do so if he was paid for it. In this province legislation was being passed ahead of the time. The collieries of this province had to compete with those of the United States. In the latter country the men worked nine hours a day for less daily pay than the miners got here. The oil competition was also interfering with the local mines. The attempt to fix an artificial wage worked against the interests of the industry. It would take very little to close down the collieries on Vancouver Island. There was no demand for this legislation. If this amendment passed it would be a loss to the men. If all the coal produced by these collieries was consumed by the province there would be more excuse for this. But the province did not control the price. He hoped the members would look at this seriously and not with regard to currying favor with any workingmen. He felt sure the workingmen would agree with him in this.

Parker Williams contended that coal miners did not make between 50 cents and 80 cents an hour in British Columbia. The coal of Washington and Oregon states was really a lignite and did not come into competition with the Vancouver Island fuel. Some miners in Washington worked nine hours a day, but three-fourths of the miners worked only eight hours. For from twelve to fifteen years there had been an eight-hour law in Nanaimo. Within the past year changes had taken place in the colliery at that city, and an attempt was made to annul the legislation of last year. The eight-hour day now in force was such that three of them fitted into a twenty-four-hour day. This proposal of Mr. Hall's would not allow this.

W. W. B. McInnes said that the act of last session was passed on the condition that it would not interfere with the condition in the mines of Vancouver Island. It was now found that if this act went into effect it would seriously disturb two mines on Vancouver Island. The legislation of last year was brought in to affect the Fernie mines. This amendment of Mr. Hall's would not alter the provisions of last year's act with respect to Fernie. If the legislation came into effect it would reduce the time of labor for the miners in two of the Vancouver Island mines by 50 minutes a day. The coal market was not within the control of this province. The cheaply mined coal of Japan came into competition. While Washington coal was inferior to that of Vancouver Island yet there were grades of it which came very nearly to the quality of the Island product. The result of reducing the hours of labor in the mines would lead to trouble with respect to wages, and a strike would be precipitated. The act of last year gave mines worked as a slope an advantage of 50 minutes a day. This alone would give Nanaimo the disadvantage of 50 minutes as compared with the slope in an adjoining coal field. Nanaimo was a paradise for coal miners. Why should conditions be disturbed? The miners there did not want to disturb the conditions. If the act went into effect he did not believe that the company at Nanaimo would await trouble with the men. The mines would be closed, and he spoke advisedly on this.

On motion of Harry Wright the debate was adjourned.

Third Readings.

The bill to amend the Dentistry Consolidation Act passed its third reading.

The bill to amend the B. C. Railway Act also passed its third reading.

Elections Act.

On the bill to amend the Elections Act, F. Carter-Cotton said that he could not see why the deposit should be reduced. He rather favored wiping the deposit out altogether than make this change. He thought all classes should be represented in the Legislature. There was no prospect for a general election until the end of the present parliament. This might therefore be deferred for two sessions longer. At the present time he could not support it.

W. J. Bowser moved the adjournment of the debate.

J. H. Hawthornthwaite pointed out that it was manifestly unfair to delay these matters.

The debate was adjourned.

Workmen's Compensation.

The House then went into committee on the bill to amend the Workmen's Compensation Act, with H. E. Tanner in the chair.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite moved an amendment by which aid under the act should apply to those injured while employed on a building less than forty feet in height. It was absurd to apply the act only to buildings of forty feet or more in height.

This carried.

Another amendment introduced by Mr. Hawthornthwaite put the compensation at $2,000 instead of $1,500 as at present in case of death resulting. Under the conditions in British Columbia $2,000 compensation was none too high.

J. A. Macdonald said that this act really provided for insurance. He did not think it would at the present time be opportune to raise the amount. The bill he introduced was altogether in favor of the workingman. Under the depression of the present time nothing should be done to deter the return of the time of prosperity.

T. W. Paterson said the whole principle of the Workmen's Compensation Act was wrong. The employer was rendered liable for all accidents, even those over which he had no control. Men proposing to carry on enterprises were handicapped in seeking advances of money by this $1,500 a head on the employees hanging over the concern. The placing of such legislation only hampered those who sought to put capital to develop the country.

John Oliver thought the amendment was out of order.

Mr. Paterson, rising again, said that the mover of this amendment had stated in the House that the policy of his party was to wreck the industries of this province. It behooved the other members of the House to think seriously before supporting such an amendment therefore.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite said Mr. Paterson was stating what was untrue, and that the member for the Islands made the statement knowing it to be untrue.

J. R. Brown held that the employer was not liable for all accidents. It had to be shown that there was carelessness. Then again it was necessary to show that the injured had others dependent upon him. He also pointed out that the Employers' Liability Act gave redress also. Taking into consideration the additional cost of living in British Columbia compared with England the compensation should be increased to $3,000.

W. Davidson thought this would lead to employers being more careful.

Mr. Williams called attention to the fact that employers insured the employees. He rather favored making it necessary for the employer to personally bear the risk and thus provide greater security for the employees. Workingmen had their rights as well as employers.

Mr. Paterson said that it made him tired to have lectures read out to him on the workingmen of the country. He knew himself more about workingmen than all these that talked so much about them. He had himself been a workingman all his life. He knew that the best class of workingmen in the province did not want to be treated as imbeciles unable to take care of themselves.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite said he gave Mr. Paterson credit for being one of the few members who had the courage of his convictions. This act was not a Socialistic one. It was introduced by him at the request of the Trades Unions of Victoria. A measure like this aided in the organization of industrial interests. The risks of capitalists were very small compared with that of those working in industrial pursuits. This was not a reactionary measure. It was introduced by conservative countries. Even in Russia a workmen's compensation act was in force. British Columbia was ages behind in this respect.

J. A. Macdonald pointed out that the employee who sustained injury had redress in three ways. Under common law the employee could take action to recover the fullest loss; under the Employers' Liability Act he could get redress up to the amount of three years' earnings, and in the third case he could have recourse by means of the Workmen's Compensation Act. The latter was to provide for cases where neither employer or employee was to blame. He pointed out that in England the result of the act was that the employer shifted the responsibility by adding to the cost of the article produced, and thus not being forced to bear it. In this country the industries were somewhat different. The mine owners could not add a cent to the cost of their product and thus the burden fell directly upon them.

The amendment of Mr. Hawthornthwaite carried.

A proposal of Mr. Hawthornthwaite to raise the compensation in case of an employee being injured only was considered. The amendment was defeated.

Mr. Macdonald called attention to the fact that the Provincial Secretary and Mr. Garden had not voted.

These members said they both voted for the amendment.

The bill was reported.

Wigs Again.

On the report on the bill to amend the Supreme Court Act in the way of regulating the wearing of wigs, Mr. Hawthornthwaite moved in amendment that the wigs of any color other than red be prohibited. In support of it he held that a red wig would distinguish the judges more than anything else. Moreover, certain members of the bench had been provided by nature in this respect and would not need to wear wigs. These judges were, he understood, opposed to wigs, and thus a way out of the difficulty would be provided.

The Premier and others wanted the amendment withdrawn.

Hon. R. G. Tatlow wanted it left as amended, so that the bill would be as ridiculous as possible.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite said he could not withdraw the amendment. His party would only consent to red wigs. (Laughter.)

The amendment was lost.

The report was adopted.

J. Murphy's Speech.

On the motion to go into supply, J. Murphy opened the debate amidst loud applause from both sides. He said that he would give a few of the many objections which he had to grant supply. He had no prospect to become finance minister. After sitting five weeks in a House doing nothing he took the first opportunity before leaving for the valley of the Okanagan to criticise the government.

He referred to the fact that a desire to gain office did not actuate him. He had supported Mr. Cotton and also Mr. McBride. If party lines had not been adopted he would have still supported the latter. He was therefore accustomed to support the opposition.

Any prosperity in the province was due not to what was done in the legislature but what had been done in the Dominion House. The legislation in British Columbia had for years had an effect of deterring capital from coming into the province. The construction of railways, and the filling up of the Northwest, thus affording a market for the fruit growers, had been the means adopted to aid British Columbia by the Dominion. He congratulated the Premier on having a full cabinet. He alluded to Mr. Houston having severed his connection with the party led by Mr. McBride. The people were entitled to know all the circumstances connected with that incident.

The member for Ymir had aspired to be a member of the cabinet. The next aspirant for cabinet honors was the member for Revelstoke. It had been urged that while the President of the Council was fighting against party lines Mr. Taylor had fought as a Conservative. Mr. Clifford also desired to enter the cabinet. Last session Mr. Clifford had moved to adjourn the debate on supply until the railway policy was brought down. That policy had not yet been brought down. (Laughter.)

With such material to draw from he could not compliment the Premier on the choice of cabinet ministers he made. (Applause.)

The President of the Council in the Lillooet election had said this was not the first Conservative government but was the first Mainland government. What had the historic Island of Vancouver done to be overlooked in the choice of the cabinet? Mr. Grant in caucus, it had been said, was the only man with a practical knowledge of the lumber industry. He believed that the only Conservative on the Island should have been taken in as a minister. Mr. Clifford, Mr. Houston, and Mr. Ellison belonged to a different wing to that led by the Premier. Mr. Cotton's position was unique. He regarded party lines as a farce. (Laughter.)

No scandals could be brought against this government, as it had done nothing. (Laughter.)

Last summer what was the government doing? The Attorney-General had excelled himself by proving his contention in opposition to that of the solicitor of Vancouver. (Laughter.) The great subject discussed was that of the duties of pound keeper. (Laughter.)

He referred to the changes made last year in the statutes by the Attorney-General which it was sought to put back again in their original form now. Last year he had begged the Attorney-General to leave the acts alone. His advice was not followed and day after day the Attorney-General came down with amendments on amendments to those poor unfortunate mother acts. (Laughter.)

During the recess the government had done another thing. The government had engaged in exchanging lands for asylum purposes. They had lost about $10,000 by the trade. In so doing they had gone back to first principles which were in force among the Indians before the white man came. They engaged in trading and let the other side get the best of them. (Laughter.)

Going into the Lillooet election, he said the Premier had taken great credit for the election of a government member. There were only 310 voters. About 30 or 40 were working on the roads under the government, and about 25 or 30 were officials for election purposes. In all about one-fifth of the voters were in government employ. The Liberal party fell down only in the Fraser River valley in that election. The Chief Commissioner deserved the credit for that. The Chief Commissioner could shorten Caesar's words pertaining to his campaign in Gaul when he expressed it as summed up in "I came, I saw, I conquered." The Chief Commissioner could shorten it to "I came, I saw." He went to the Fraser river and saw one person. That man dispenses beans and bacon and the Liberals could only get about one vote out of seven as a result. (Laughter.)

Reading from the report of the department of agriculture, he called attention to the fact that they were a peculiar people in Lillooet and had strange cattle. The government servant in the report said "It is just possible that the disease amongst the cattle on the west side of the river is 'malignant catarrh.' Want of any reasonable care, starvation in winter from lack of food and water, inbreeding by little starved runts of bulls and general laziness and dirt on the part of the owners are bound to establish disease."

Continuing, Mr. Murphy said: "It was to this weird, strange people with their strange herds of cattle that the Chief Commissioner came." (Laughter.)

After the Lillooet election for months the government appeared to have died. The next heard of the government the members were wandering about in the four corners of the earth like the shades of the ancient Greeks. The Attorney-General established a precedent unique in the history of the Empire in crossing the ocean to get leave to take an appeal to the Privy Council, which could have been done by writing a letter. (Laughter.) The Finance Minister was being interviewed in Toronto with respect to shipping products from the province by way of the Panama canal, which would probably not be finished for 100 years.

The government came down at the opening of the session with a speech which contained nothing. The opposition rightly refused to discuss nothing. (Laughter and applause.)

The Attorney-General came and gushed in expressing his pride at having the support of the Socialists. The Premier followed in the same way and kept his own party in line by promising railway legislation. (Applause.)

Taking the platform of the Socialists and the Conservatives he could show that the two parties were diametrically opposed. There could be no railway legislation if the Socialists were to control the affairs. Capitalists would not invest in a country controlled by them.

If the leader of the Socialists wished to reform the world well and good, but Cariboo could not exist without capital, and capital would not come in under the circumstances.

If the Finance Minister was fair and charged up against this government expenditures as he charged them up against other governments, last year's deficit would be the largest in the history of the province. The Minister of Finance transferred to capital account expenditure on New Westminster bridge. Mr. Turner argued he never had a deficit, charging roads, etc., to capital account. This government had cut down the expenditure on roads and bridges $103,000. That was not good policy. There was no economy in that. This was maladministration. Under the Chinese Restriction Act the minister got more than his predecessor. There was no credit due to the minister for that. The cheque came from Ottawa. He wanted an explanation of the vote of $58,500 last year for dyking account. This was voted out of current revenue, and then the expenditure charged to the dyking districts. This was done simply to show a surplus. It was a disgrace for a government in a province like this to claim a surplus. Every dollar should be wisely expended. The credit of the province should be taxed to its utmost. If there was a government of ability, composed of men who would give all their time to the affairs, he would not be afraid of an increased debt. The money would all come back tenfold in a few years.

The affairs of the province were run in a most haphazard way. It cost $100 more to conduct the elections in Esquimalt than in Lillooet, one of the most outlying districts. He instanced a Conservative commission merchant getting by commissions on collections for the government, and salaries more than half the amount expended on roads and bridges in Cariboo.

He opposed granting supply on the grounds of the unholy alliance between the Conservatives and the Socialists. He was sorry to hear Mr. Cotton say that the government was entrenched in power for two years. This could only be by the support of the Socialists. Knowing the Premier and the leader of the Socialists, he knew that the government would give in before the Socialists and this was therefore a Socialist government.

Mr. Murphy sat down amidst applause from both sides.

Stuart Henderson upon rising to move the adjournment of the debate was informed that the House was to sit in the evening.

The House then rose until 8.30.

EVENING SESSION.

Stuart Henderson.

Upon resuming in the evening Stuart Henderson opened amidst applause. He was surprised that no one on the government side followed Mr. Murphy.

Pledge after pledge and promise after promise had been broken by the government, either through laziness or something else. An Assessment Act had been passed at one session only to be amended at the next. There was nothing done to lift the province out of the rut. The balance sheet for 1904 was very similar to that of 1903.

The Attorney-General said there was no cooking of the accounts.

Mr. Henderson said there was no one in the government capable of cooking them.

Going into the balance sheet, he showed that the Island Quartz Company meant nothing as an asset.

The Nakusp & Slocan railway and Shuswap & Okanagan railway accounts had not been audited for years. He contended that the C. P. R. in its methods of conducting the accounts kept the province out of sums due to it.

He went into the dyking accounts, and showed that there was a vast difference in the accounts under various heads. The accounts were in an interminable jumble, and prompted a suspicion that these were not kept very well in common with other departments.

The receipts of the province showed that in connection with the mining industry there was a very heavy falling off, amounting to 24 per cent this year. The Premier said the mining industry was never better. There was something wrong. If the tax was a fair one, either the industry was declining, the tax was unfair, or the affairs were badly managed.

There was really a falling off of the assessment on real property from last year. If the taxes had remained the same there would have been less taxes collected. The same was the case with wild land. The taxation rates of real and personal property, if it had been done under the same act as the year previous, would have fallen $18,000 below that of the year previous. This was another instance.

The government had made an increase under timber leases and royalties due to the increased trade with the Northwest. The revenue tax had not been collected properly, and laxity was shown.

There was a bank overdraft of $252,745, on which interest was paid. Yet during a good part of the time there was a larger sum standing to the credit of the province.

The printing office cost over $50,000. The net loss on the printing office and stationery was $25,000. In New Brunswick the cost under this head was only from $17,000 to $19,000. The cost of postage in New Brunswick was only $2,300, as compared with $6,500 in this province. For telegraphing, New Brunswick paid only $1,700, compared with $7,000 in this province. For telephones it cost $838 in New Brunswick, instead of $4,000 here. If the Attorney-General instead of going to England had stopped in New Brunswick he might have learned much in the way of curtailing expenses. In Manitoba similar conditions prevailed as in New Brunswick.

The expense on public health cost too much. The cost had increased from $17,000 to $19,000. The secretary of the board of health drew $3,000 a year, as compared with a salary of $2,000 paid to Dr. Bryce in Ontario.

Mr. Cotton said it had been cut down this year in the estimates to $3,000.

Resuming, Mr. Henderson said the administration of justice cost too much as compared with the cost in the unorganized districts of Ontario. This would not show up well in the comparative tests in the demand for better terms. Indian and Chinese cases took about one-quarter of the cost in this respect. This should form a strong plea in approaching the Dominion government, asking for better terms.

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The bitterness of defeat is still rankling in the hearts of the opposition. They are not yet capable of receiving the truth with respect to the importance to the country, both east and west, of the construction of the new transcontinental railway. The Eastern Tory takes one view; his Western brother in sorrow and adversity an altogether different position. The Easterner asks with disgust what is to be gained for the country by the construction of another railway through the sea of mountains which partially bars the entrance to British Columbia? There are no people in the hills or in the valleys at the present time. In what manner is a population going to scrape a livelihood from the faces of the great rocky formations which are the prominent features of the country? Wealth in mines? Yes; we have had some experience and no dividends from the investments we were in an evil day persuaded to make in British Columbia.

In the West the final view is that the Eastern section is to be built, not because it is a logical sequence of the present government's policy of creating a new Dominion in the West and in the North, but because there are hungry politicians in Quebec and New Brunswick who must be satisfied. Is Ontario, then, to be skipped entirely because it seems to be irrevocably joined to its Tory idols? Our impression is that the Grand Trunk Pacific will open up a larger amount of territory in Ontario than in any other province—unless, of course, the government should manifest its opinion of Ontario's political propensities by skipping that province altogether. That scarcely seems feasible, but it is quite as reasonable as the original Tory theory.

Furthermore, if the new line is to pierce a wilderness which can never be anything else but a wilderness, why did the opposition propose as an alternative policy the construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific, through the same prospectively unfruitful region, as a government work? Either the latest theory has been propounded in a moment of abstraction or the policy of the Tory party as elaborated in parliament was brought forth purely as an election expedient. Now we cannot believe that Mr. Borden, after making four attempts to grasp an alternative policy that would satisfy the country and appease his followers, would be guilty of the practices of a mere opportunist. The Tory leader has a conscience. That conscience is tender. It is so tender that in the matter of the educational clauses of the Northwest Autonomy Bill he could not think of asking his friends to do violence to theirs by voting for his resolution if they felt that conscience might make cowards of them and cause them to dream o' nights. And if the territory is barren and unfruitful, what would the prospects be of making such a line as that proposed a success as a government work? The road is to be built by the government, but the Grand Trunk Pacific Company is to operate it and pay a rental upon it sufficient to meet the interest on its cost and to maintain it in a thoroughly satisfactory condition in accordance with the standards of the times.

The Tory criticisms of the Grand Trunk Pacific have been so many and various; they have changed so often and have been so transparently contradictory of each other, that it is scarcely probable anyone pays the slightest attention to them. The latest objection is only worthy of attention because it is bound to excite speculation as to the form the next denunciatory deliverance will take.

FIREBRAND REBUKED.

The Toronto News, the journal which assumes to be in a class by itself as representing "liberty, equality and tolerance" in political affairs, lately exhibited its great breadth of mind and sweet reasonableness by saying:

"It seems that we must submit to government by the Roman Catholic hierarchy instead of by the parliament of Canada." The following day the Quebec leader of the party whose cause the News advocates with a bitterness of spirit and a distortedness of vision that would be discreditable in a mere party organ such as the Colonist, said in parliament that he resented the insinuation which was frequently made in a part of the press regarding clerical influence. When any gentleman dared to uphold the rights of the minority it was said he was under the control of the clergy. "There is no foundation for such an accusation, and those who make it know not whereof they speak," said Mr. Monk, amid cheers. He continued: "I came to this House to do my duty to my country and to my constituents, without being controlled by priest or bishop or anyone else. Those who make the accusation cast upon us a libel which we do not deserve. There is not a voter in the Dominion who will be more apt to resent clerical interference or influence than the electors of the province of Quebec. So sensitive are the electors of Quebec upon this point that if the priests in my riding united together to secure my election I believe I would lose my deposit. What has been the consequence in isolated cases where such an attempt at interference has occurred? It has led to lawsuits and to the final departure of the priest from the parish." As a public man he believed everybody to be in the same position of independence that he was in himself, and he would like to see anybody, be he priest or bishop, interfere with him in the exercise of his functions in the House. As to the boring underground of black-robed men, who are all the time acting, by hidden, obscure, mysterious conspiracies, upon members of parliament and the electors in general, it was nothing but a chimera. Mr. Monk finally quoted the speech of the Right Hon. Mr. Balfour on the education bill, and said if he could have his wish in forming these new provinces it would be that in the conduct of public affairs, particularly in the treatment of the minority, they would have men to lead the destiny of these two great provinces according to the example of the great statesmen of England.

This statement of the Conservative leader from Quebec is borne out by the experience of the candidates of the Liberal party in the election of 1896. At that time the thunders of the churches were directed against Liberals and all the powers of coercion it possessed were exerted on behalf of the candidates of Sir Charles Tupper, who had pledged himself to the passage of remedial legislation in the belief that the bishops could secure for him a solid Tory contingent from Quebec. Sir Charles discovered by practical experience that he and his fellow-conspirators had overrated the influence of the clerical authorities. The habitant had more reverence for the commanding figure of his illustrious compatriot than he had for Mother Church. The Tory party ought to have profited by that lesson—it ought to have realized the futility and the foolishness of attempting to stir into flame racial and religious prejudices; but it hasn't. It still thinks it can make political capital by advocating a distinct set of principles in each province of the Dominion.

ENTERPRISING THEOLOGIANS.

The creation or construction or consolidation of new religious denominations has become quite a feature of present-day theological development. The twentieth century promises to be as prolific of religious leaders as of original thinkers and workers in other branches of human activity. Apparently any man with the ability to conceive of something really fantastic respecting the past, present and future of the race spiritually, and with the assurance necessary to lay his claims boldly before the groping public in some portion of the benighted world, is sure of a following. As a general thing, the strength of character of the self-appointed leader, and the reasonableness of his appeals, are factors bearing directly upon the numerical strength of the converts he makes. Nevertheless it is a fact that no matter how obviously absurd the claims set up or how grotesque the views enunciated by the modern theologian of a certain class, he will make converts if he can but cast his seed in the right kind of soil. There are parts of the world in which all kinds of ground is to be found.

The nucleus of the very newest denomination arrived in New York last week from somewhere in Italy. We suspect it is formed out of material prepared and moulded into form by some enterprising American, because the prophet when accosted by a reporter answered questions in very good English, or, to adopt the latest style (approved by the complaisant Briton) in very good "American." As is well known, there is no industry above or below the capacity or the pride of an enterprising Yankee. He is ready to black boots or to construct new religious denominations if nothing more profitable lies immediately to his hand. The leader of the new religious band is named Benjamin Purcell, his wife, Mary, being an active partner in the enterprise. They did not get their names in the place where they commenced recruiting, that is certain. The peculiar dress and appointments at once attracted the attention of reporters of New York papers, who learned that Benjamin, who evidently had not submitted his head to a barber for many days, wearing whiskers of patriarchal dimensions and bushy hair that reached his waist, claimed to be an angel. "Are you really an angel, Benjamin?" a young man asked him. "My son," he replied, in a soft, tenor voice, "I am indeed he, and these good people whom thou seest are they that are journeying with me to the far-away land known as Michigan, where we shall await the millennium. To-day, my son, we live in the eleventh hour, and before that hour shall end 144,000 of these precious ones of the Lost Tribe will have gathered about me to be saved in the body. Before that millennium," added Benjamin, "seven angels must have come to us. Six of these have already appeared and passed away, the seventh being the only one that remaineth on earth at this moment. This angel is he who shall lead these to the new Garden of Eden." "When did you first discover that you were the seventh angel?" "That time, my son," answered the ethereal one, "was when I first divined the mystery of the life of the body. If the soul obeys the commandments, then the body of that soul will be immortal. Enoch and Moses knew immortal life, and they never suffered death. Like them, I too shall never die. You know that in the Revelations it is promised that of those who inhabit the earth 144,000 shall be saved alive. Already we who are the beginning of that great congregation have been saved."

Some one asked where Mary, the wife, was. A moment later a little woman, with a face as solemn as that of her husband, appeared. "I am she that thou asketh for," said Mary, "and with Benjamin I constitute one flesh. We are the same angel."

The angelic combination will do well in America, we doubt not. They possess the attractions that draw weak men and silly women.

All the sectarian bitterness has been injected into the Northwest school question by the intolerant journals of Quebec and Ontario. And they are wrangling over a proposition apparently neither they nor their readers have taken the trouble to arrive at an intelligent comprehension of. Not one man in ten who shouts against separate schools in the West is aware that these schools really are, as Mr. Fielding says, national schools. They will have certificated teachers like the other public schools, the same text books, the same inspectors, and will be in all respects the same, except that at 3.30 each day those who do not wish to remain for religious instruction will withdraw and those pupils whose parents desire them to receive religious instruction will remain for half an hour. The inhabitants of the two chief provinces of this Dominion have inherited prejudices which are hard to live down. The people as long as they can manage to forget that the love they believe they entertain for their God in some pardoxical manner constrains them to hate their brethren get along famously together. They vie with one another in exalting their common country and extolling everything in connection therewith. It is the professional fanner of the fires of prejudice that creates the mischief. If he could be removed by any process, violent or otherwise, all would be well; the prospects of the Dominion would be very much brighter. How would it do to offer up a vicarious sacrifice for the common welfare? Let Willison and Tarte select their weapons and proceed to business.

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NORTHWEST BASEBALL LEAGUE ORGANIZED

Meeting Held at Bellingham, When Constitution and By-Laws Were Adopted.

Local fans will be pleased to learn that all difficulties in the way of organizing a four-cornered international league have been overcome. A dispatch from Bellingham announces that organization has been accomplished and that it is intended to draft a schedule to decide the championship. When Messrs. Lucas, McCloskey and Dugdale first set out to form such a league they found that in two cities—Victoria and Everett—the proposal was not received with the enthusiasm expected. It was taken up by residents of Vancouver and Bellingham with energy, and in less than a fortnight the necessary forfeits were ready to be posted. Then the question was to persuade the former places to come into line and, in order to insure these clubs financial backing equal to that of the others, it was promised to equally divide the gate and grand stand receipts of each schedule match. As a result of this the promoters secured subscribers in Everett and this city and, at the organization meeting yesterday, the equal distribution of receipts was made part of the constitution.

With $1,100 in the treasury, G. Howlett, manager of the Victoria club, can commence signing his team. He will do so immediately on his return from Bellingham. Training will start in about a week in order that the nine may be in shape to open the season with a series of five games at Vancouver.

Everything taken into consideration the outlook is promising and, if the venture is the success expected, next year it will be extended to embrace Seattle and Tacoma, making an exceedingly compact league of six teams.

A special dispatch to the Times from Bellingham to-day says:

"The Northwest Baseball League is organized. For four hours yesterday representatives of Everett, Bellingham, Vancouver and Victoria struggled with the formation of the organization and finally brought it into a reality. The constitution and by-laws were adopted. All that remains to be done is to make the schedule and sign the players. The meeting was harmonious and elected the following officers: President and secretary, W. H. Lucas. League directors—Bellingham, J. A. Miller; Victoria, J. E. Wolfenden; Everett, W. V. Haferkorn; Vancouver, A. E. Tulk.

"With the exception of a change in the dividing of gate receipts the rules are practically the same as those governing other leagues. Both the grand stand and gate receipts are to be divided between the home club and visitors. There will be no free passes given out. Seattle was chosen as headquarters. The following managers were selected: D. F. Dugdale, Bellingham; J. J. McCloskey, Vancouver; W. Hulen, Everett; Geo. Howlett, Victoria."

PERSONAL.

T. M. Henderson and Mrs. Henderson have returned after a six months' tour of Southern California. They visited all the well known tourists resorts of that state, spending some time in Pasadena, Riverside, Los Angeles, Monterey and Redlands. This is the fifth time Mr. Henderson has made the trip, and, therefore, he is in a position to speak of the results of the advertising of Victoria's attractions at all places on that part of the Pacific Coast. His recent tour was an eye-opener regarding the beneficial effect of the lavish distribution of literature by the local Tourist Association. He predicts that 50 per cent of those now wintering at the resorts mentioned will visit this city during the summer. They will commence coming north about June, and the flow of the tide in this direction will continue throughout the season. Many of these tourists, Mr. Henderson points out, bring their own automobiles, so that Victorians may expect to find machines spinning about the city in large numbers, especially when it is remembered that the literature in circulation lays particular emphasis upon the many beautiful woodland roads throughout the suburbs. While in the south Mr. Henderson was kept busy writing Secretary Cuthbert for booklets for distribution among those contemplating a northern trip this season. During his stay at the various popular California resorts he was much impressed with the efforts made by municipal bodies to cater to the tourist trade. Nothing was left undone to provide a variety of attractions. This was very noticeable in Los Angeles, where every little beach or hill has been utilized for tourist purposes and connected with the city by rail. He contends that if there was a Mount Tolmie in the vicinity of any of these places it would be made a splendid feature. So dependent is Los Angeles on its tourists that the following conundrum is often propounded: "Why is Los Angeles like two hands?" the answer being, "Because it exists on 'Two-Wrists.'" Concluding, Mr. Henderson expressed the opinion that everything possible should be done to provide this year's visitors with suitable entertainment and also to take care of the great crowds which will come through this way.

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James Rutherford, a prominent mining man, is in the city. Yesterday Mr. Rutherford's arrival from Vancouver was chronicled in these columns, when it was stated that he is interested in the coal lands of the Telqua valley. This, he says, was a mistake. Mr. Rutherford, however, is identified with the Lucky Jack and adjoining properties on Poplar creek, in the Lardeau district, controlled by the Great Northern Mines Co., Ltd. Some months ago, it will be remembered, there was litigation between a number of mine owners, among whom was Mr. Rutherford and the company mentioned, regarding these properties. The case was settled out of court, the former accepting 75,000 shares in the mines. Now that matters are amicable the company is preparing to exploit their interests. Representatives are now engaged in Minnesota raising $40,000, a considerable portion of which has already been secured, for the purpose of installing a 20-stamp mill and constructing a short railway line for transportation purposes. Mr. Rutherford expresses every confidence in the prospects.

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John Wallace, of the quarantine station at William Head; H. H. Tucker, United States customs officer at Port Townsend; and Capt. Matthews, of Anacortes, Wash., who will superintend the construction of J. H. Todd's new cannery at Esquimalt and intends commencing operations to-morrow, are among those registered at the Vernon hotel.

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Mrs. C. W. Munro, of Chilliwack, arrived from the Mainland last evening by the steamer Princess Victoria. She is here to join her husband, Mr. Munro, M. P. P., and intends staying here for the remainder of the session, and is a guest at the Dominion hotel.

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R. D. Fetherstonhaugh, of Atlin; A. H. Bromly and H. B. Mackenzie, of Vancouver; G. H. Winter, of Montreal; Geo. H. Western, of Toronto; and J. R. Downes, of Cranbrook, are guests at the Driard hotel.

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J. S. Dennis, C. P. R. land commissioner, and H. Bennett, his solicitor, who have been spending the past few days here guests at the Driard, left last evening for Vancouver.

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Mrs. Harry Smith and daughter, of Duncans, are in the city. They are guests at the Dominion.

J. M. Boyd, of the Winnipeg Free Press, and D. Hastie, of Atlin, B. C., are staying at the Vernon.

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—Don't miss "The Japanese Nightingale" at Institute hall Tuesday, April 11th.

—While the sky has been overcast and the weather threatening for several days past, Victoria has been remarkably free from showers considering the conditions prevailing in the surrounding country. Yesterday afternoon while the streets of the city remained dry, there was a heavy hail shower at Elk Lake and in other adjoining parts of the country there was heavy rain. On the West Coast of this Island a great deal of rain has fallen during the last few weeks, but in no place bordering on the Straits of Juan de Fuca or on the Gulf has there been less than in Victoria.

—This evening an entertainment will be given at the Y. M. C. A. rooms. About 200 views of British Columbia are to be thrown upon the canvas, the operator describing the pictures as he presents them to his audience. It is the intention to show a number of views of the different Young Men's Christian Association classes in order to give the public a general idea of the work undertaken during the past winter. All members will be admitted free of charge on presentation of their membership ticket. A pleasant and profitable time is promised those attending.

—The Psychic Research Society will hold an entertainment and basket social this evening at 8 o'clock in K. of P. hall.

—An informal meeting of local manufacturers will be held at the Board of Trade rooms on Monday evening at 8 o'clock. Every manufacturer is requested to attend.

—A presentation of Stainer's sacred cantata "The Daughter of Jairus" will be given in Centennial Methodist church on Tuesday, April 4th, with a chorus of seventy-five voices. The soloists will be Miss E. Sehl, H. Ives and Gideon Hicks.

—Several heavy pieces of ordnance are on the way up to the summit of Signal Hill, where they will be lowered into position. The foundations for the big guns to be here installed have been completed, and the pedestals are in course of construction.

—The thirty-second annual report of the provincial registrar of births, deaths and marriages, which was presented to the legislature on Wednesday, shows that in the year 1904 there were throughout the province 2,139 births; marriages, 1,252; and deaths, 1,734. The figures for 1903 were: Births, 2,093; deaths, 1,572; marriages, 1,160.

—Contractor Haggerty has a large number of teams hauling gravel from Spring Ridge for the filling in to be done around the new C. P. R. foundations. Across the bay, on the embankment leading to the water from Belleville street, a number of corporation employees commenced work this morning in carrying out an improvement already referred to in these columns.

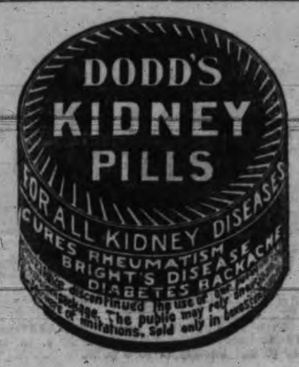
—There was a large attendance at the Fifth Regiment gymnasium classes last evening at the drill hall. Sergt. Dunn, R. G. A., was kept busy instructing a number of boxing students who are making excellent progress. They are preparing for the forthcoming tournament to be held under the auspices of the Fifth Regiment. Other athletic exercises are being taken up with equal enthusiasm. As there are only a few more gymnastic evenings this winter, a particularly large attendance is requested next week.

—Splendid progress is being made in the construction of the B. C. Electric railway line to the Gorge. Since the work was started over one hundred men have been employed, and it is rapidly advancing. Already the grading has been completed as far as the Gorge bridge. All that has to be done now is the laying and securing of the rails, and, it is expected, that the undertaking will be complete and the road in operation before the end of April. It is the intention of the company to push it forward with all possible expedition in order that the line may be ready for the increased summer tourist travel expected this season.

—The remains of Charles E. Stephens will be laid at rest on Sunday afternoon. The funeral is to take place at 2.30 o'clock from the family residence, John street. Members of Victoria-Columbia Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M., and of Dominion Lodge, No. 4, I. O. O. F., are requested to meet at their respective lodge rooms at 2 o'clock for the purpose of attending. No. 4 company, Fifth Regiment, of which deceased was a member, also will parade in order to pay a last tribute of respect to his memory. It will leave the drill hall at 1.30 o'clock, the dress being church parade order. A full attendance is requested.

—The construction of a Trail from Bella Coola to the interior is being advocated by residents and others interested, and the government has been approached by a delegation for the purpose of obtaining an appropriation, as a good trail would be of great benefit to intending settlers and others who may desire to reach the interior. It is proposed to construct the trail from the end of the present road at Canoe Crossing of Bella Coola river over the mountains by the way of a new pass, which was first discovered and used by J. R. Morrison in 1900. This pass has been little used by any but the Indians, in fact as far as known Mr. Morrison is the only white man who has ever been over it. The pass is a good one and will give a better grade than any of the other known ones in the vicinity. When completed this trail will be the most direct and easiest way to Ootsa lake and other interior points.

—Interest in the wonderful performance by "Princess Trixie," the gifted horse being exhibited at the Grand theatre this week, continues to grow daily, and the capacity of the Johnson street play house is taxed to its utmost at every performance. Yesterday admiring crowds on the principal streets were afforded an opportunity of seeing her put through some of her pieces, Mr. Barnes handling her in a light road wagon without the use of reins, simply telling the animal in what direction to turn and what to do. Realizing that in the few performances remaining to be given this week it will be impossible to accommodate all who will wish to witness her remarkable feats, Manager Jamieson has endeavored to induce Mr. Barnes to remain over for next week, but this he states he is unable to do, much as he would like to, as he is due in Portland to arrange for his opening at the exposition. The two performances to-night will begin at 7.30 and 9 o'clock, and those arriving up to 9.30 will be in time for Trixie's performance. To-morrow afternoon the first matinee will begin at 2.30, and the second at 3.30. As many as can make it convenient are advised to attend to-night and to-morrow afternoon, as on Saturday night it is more than likely that many will be unable to gain admittance.



VICTORIA MARINER CROSSES THE BAR

DEATH OF CAPT. LEWIS YESTERDAY EVENING

Notable Career of One of the Earliest of British Columbia's Pioneers.

Captain Herbert George Lewis, one of British Columbia's oldest navigators, passed away at his residence on Belleville street last evening. The late Capt. Lewis was known to the shipping fraternity throughout the length of this coast. He followed the life of master mariner, and acted as pilot on many vessels when these waters were but very little known, and later was the agent of marine and fisheries in this city. At the time of death he was shipping master.

His illness commenced on Saturday last, paralysis setting in, and from that time gradually sank. Though well advanced in years, the captain was very active up till the time of death, and was invariably to be found at his post of duty during office hours. Indeed, it was but a short time before taking sick that he polished up his boat for another season's service—the same boat that carried him to and fro across the harbor for many years.

Captain Lewis commenced his sea career in the year 1842, as a midshipman in the service of Messrs. Smith & Co., London, England, East Indian merchants, in their ship Anne, and made two voyages to Bengal in that capacity. He came out to this country in the Hudson's Bay Company's barque Cowlitz, Captain Weynton, arriving here in the spring of 1847. Capt. Weynton's father was the marine superintendent of the Hudson's Bay Company in London, and it was owing to him that young Lewis obtained the position of third officer. Upon arrival here he asked the late Sir James Douglas, then Mr. Douglas, for a position on shore, and was appointed by that gentleman as clerk at Port Simpson, the Hudson's Bay post being then in charge of the late Hon. John Work. After staying there two or three years, he returned to England, and on arrival there was appointed on November 2nd, 1850, as second officer of the Hudson's Bay chartered barque Tory. He remained in this vessel, proceeding from Victoria to China, and thence to England, until the 14th of May, 1852, when he was appointed as first officer of the steamship Otter, and arrived here in the latter part of that year. Since then, with one exception, he has remained on this coast.

Captain Lewis was for many years commander in the Hudson's Bay service, in charge, respectively, of the steamers Beaver, Otter, Labouchere and Enterprise. He acted as pilot and interpreter to Her Majesty's ships when navigating the inland waters of this coast, then comparatively unknown, between 1853 and 1870.

It was on one of these trips that Capt. Lewis was pilot of Her Majesty's ship Plumper, Capt. Richards. When passing through Active Pass, Capt. Richards asked Lewis if the Plumper was the first steam vessel that had gone through this channel. Captain Lewis said: "No, I took the United States steamer Active, Capt. Alden, through a few months ago." "Then," said Capt. Richards, "we will call the channel Active Pass," and from that day this channel has been marked on the admiralty charts by this name.

Capt. Lewis was agent of marine and fisheries, Victoria, from 1883 to 1892, and afterwards shipping master at the same port until his death.

Capt. Lewis was well known and highly respected in the city, and was one of the very few earlier surviving navigators of this coast. Capt. Lewis was born in Hertfordshire, the son of a gentleman farmer in that county. He was born in the same town as the late Lord Salisbury, with whom he played as a school boy.

Capt. Lewis paid a visit to England in 1870, and in that year married in London, Mary, daughter of Mr. Edward Langford, returning with his bride to Victoria. Mr. Langford with his family had been passengers in the ship Tory in 1851. Among other passengers on the voyage of the Tory were Senator Macdonald, Mrs. Ella, Robert Porter, Geo. Thomas, Robert Fish, J. Longhurst and William Hunt.

The captain had one notable song he gave on all festive occasions, namely, "When Sailor Bill Was King," which he generally sang to the accompaniment of a daughter of his old and respected friend, Capt. Mowat, also of the Hudson's Bay service, who was in command of the Labouchere when she was lost on April 14th, 1866, near San Francisco.

—The first annual dinner of the members of the Congregational church will be held at 6 o'clock this evening. After the dinner a first-class programme will be provided.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE

(Continued from page 3.)

The Minister of Finance should have taken advantage of the money deposited by residents of the province in the banks in order to raise the loans required. Other provinces and states had found this a wise course. The Finance Minister should have the influence to lead to the establishment of a bank with headquarters in the province. In this way any loan would not have to be considered in Montreal or elsewhere by men not familiar with the local conditions.

The system of keeping the accounts in the province should be improved upon.

On the question of surplus, Mr. Henderson said when the minister struck off $58,500 from the estimates and put it to capital account because there was an act of parliament authorizing the expenditure on dykes, why did he not strike of the $10,000 authorized for Government House maintenance, which was also covered by act of parliament?

Acting on the advice of the opposition the item of $1,500 had been struck out of the estimates for a gold commissioner for Omineca.

In order to fully develop the country it was necessary to unite the fertile valleys with mining districts, and thus find a market.

The opposition would aid in every way possible the government in getting all it could from the Dominion.

"You don't think the Liberal government at Ottawa is using us fairly?" asked Mr. Bowser.

"I don't say that," replied Mr. Henderson. "You have not presented your case properly."

Referring to the Lillooet election, Mr. Henderson said that over 300 out of 800 electors were in the employ of the government. The riding was a Conservative one, and did not rest the feeling of the country. The conduct of the Attorney-General was so strenuous there that he had to take a holiday afterwards.

The Attorney-General took exception to the remarks, muttering something unintelligible in the gallery.

Mr. Henderson said he would take no threats from the Attorney-General, or any one else. If the Attorney-General was so thin skinned he had better get out of politics.

The Attorney-General.

The Attorney-General followed. He said that the financial critic of the government had apparently been discovered. He pitied the country if ever Mr. Henderson became Finance Minister.

The affairs of the country had been conducted in such a way as to produce a surplus, the second in the history of the province. It was a real surplus he could say.

He did not believe that Mr. Henderson had ever read the contract in connection with demanding an audit of the accounts with the C. P. R. with respect to the branch lines referred by him. He, the Attorney-General, had endeavored to do something in this, but had found his hands tied. Nothing could be done to bring it about. By a mistake the matter was not brought before the railway commission. The present government was not to blame in any particular with respect to it. The Dominion government deserved the greatest credit for the appointment of the railway commission.

The mining receipts would show better if some of the mining companies paid what was due by them, and admitted to be due. The mining receipts ebbed and flowed. This showed that mining business was going on.

He reprimanded Mr. Henderson for having the bad taste to refer to a serious illness he had had.

J. Oliver moved the adjournment of the debate, the House adjourning after 11 o'clock.

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Sporting News.

TO-MORROW'S ATTRACTIONS.

Association Football—Ladysmith vs. Garrison, championship match, at Work Point.

Hockey—Victoria College vs. Nanaimo ladies, at 1.45 o'clock, at Oak Bay. Victoria vs. Nanaimo, at 3 o'clock, at Oak Bay.

Golf—Monthly medal competition, starting at 2.30 o'clock, at Oak Bay links.

THE KENNEL.

THE VANCOUVER SHOW.

To the Sporting Editor:—Will you kindly permit me to say a few words re our coming open bench show?

It is with extreme regret that we learn from many Victorian sources that several dog fanciers of your city have decided to exhibit their dogs at the bench show to be held in Seattle on the same dates as arranged by us—these dates being decided upon by the whole Pacific Coast circuit weeks ago. If such is the case, it seems to us to be extremely regrettable. We think it a great pity, under all past circumstances and considering the recent disbandment of the W. K. L., that any dog fancier of Victoria should so decide. It is to be regretted also that the Seattle Kennel Club—knowing our dates were already fixed upon—should arrange the same days for their show, and we ask our Victoria friends to place themselves in our position and to think for a moment before deciding to take such a course.

Are not Victoria and Vancouver, both British Columbia clubs, now showing under the Canadian Kennel Club rules?

Therefore, it seems to us that it behooves the kennel clubs of British Columbia to co-operate and to assist each other all they know how.

We have secured the services of a well known, able and experienced judge in Major J. M. Taylor, late of the American Field, and we ask those Victoria exhibitors who have thus spoken to reconsider their decision.

Our specials have now been allotted, and a list will be forwarded to the secretaries of the Coast kennel clubs in a day or two.

Thanking you in anticipation, sir,

Yours truly,

GEORGE J. DYKE,
Secretary V. K. C.

BASEBALL.

GOES AGAINST LUCAS.

Spokane, March 30.—An order has been handed down from the Superior court of Spokane county enjoining W. H. Lucas from organizing a baseball team in Spokane during 1905 under the protection of the National League. The plaintiff alleged that Lucas, while serving as president of the Pacific National League, had used his position to have that league's contract with the National League for protection cancelled and to have the protection extended to a new league composed of clubs at Spokane, Bellingham, Vancouver, Victoria, Walla Walla, Pendleton and Everett. It was contended by the plaintiff that Lucas, having secured his right from the National League while acting as plaintiff's agent, could not benefit from an act of hostility to his employers. A reply was filed by Lucas, which Judge Poindexter declared was an admission of the substantial allegations in the complaint. Mr. Lucas also has been enjoined from organizing in any city where the Pacific National League has a club. This, however, has no force outside the state of Washington.

BASKETBALL.

U. OF W., 29; J. B. A. A., 19.

A large number of spectators assembled at the James Bay club rooms last evening to witness the exhibition match between the University of Washington and J. B. A. A. teams. The latter five had the advantage of playing in their own hall. Despite this fact, however, they were unable to maintain the pace set by the visitors in fast combination and accurate shooting.

In the first half the University boys ran away from the Bays, scoring 17 to 10 points, but the Victorians braced up a little in the second period and the match finished 29 to 19 in the visitors' favor.

The University boys played splendidly. They have an effective system developed, apparently, through careful coaching. Fast, quick passing is their strong point, and their brilliant dashes generally culminate in a goal. Not only is the University five first-class in aggressive work, but their defence is a feature.

The James Bay forwards played desperately throughout the game, and a shot was never secured unless fully earned. During the initial portion of the game J. Finlayson played in place of B. C. Pettingell. He, however, was forced to retire later because of a sprained finger, and F. Smith took his place. The latter played his old creditable style.

LEFT FOR MAINLAND.

Last evening the University of Washington team left for Vancouver by the steamer Princess Victoria. They will play at New Westminster this evening and at Vancouver to-morrow night. On Monday and Tuesday the visitors are scheduled to meet the Nanaimo and Ladysmith teams respectively.

GOLF.

MONTHLY CONTESTS.

To-morrow afternoon the gentlemen's monthly medal competition of the Victoria club will take place at Oak Bay. Some close contests are anticipated.

WRESTLING.

GOTCH WON.

Atlanta, Ga., March 30.—Blinded and suffering from a broken nose, M. J. Dwyer gave up his wrestling match with Frank Gotch in the second round. Gotch secured the first fall in 15 minutes. Dwyer's nose was broken after ten minutes' work in this round, but he continued until he was thrown. After the intermission he began again, but soon discovered that he was in no condition to continue the match, and gave up.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

GARRISON v. LADYSMITH.

A championship match is announced to take place between the Garrison and Ladysmith teams on Saturday at Work Point. It will be the last contest of the Vancouver Island series and should be well contested. Play will commence at 3 o'clock promptly, and Sergt. Richardson will act as referee.

The respective teams follow:

Ladysmith—Goal, E. Nimmo; full backs, J. McClatchie and A. Nimmo; half backs, Hallstone, Gilmour and Snowden; forwards, Blundell, Morrison, Adams, Sanderson and Graham.

Garrison—Goal, Worrell; full backs, Byrne and Williams; half backs, Ford, Paley (capt.) and Provins; forwards, Hazelwood, Constable, Simon, Crisp and Matthews.

HANDBALL.

INTERESTING SERIES.

An inter-club tournament took place between members of the Fernwood club and Y. M. C. A. last evening at the former hall. There were some close and interesting matches, the double between White and Noot and Gallop and Dicks being particularly interesting. Following are the complete results:

Singles—Winch beat Northcott, 21-19, 21-11; Marchant beat Dunn, 21-17, 21-16; McKittrick beat Baines, 21-7, 21-8.

Doubles—Winch and Thompson beat Northcott and Dunn, 21-6, 21-12; White and Noot beat Gallop and Dicks, 21-17, 19-21, 21-15; Jameson and Marconini beat McKittrick and Jones, 21-12, 21-14.

Summary—Fernwoods won 4 matches; Y. M. C. A., 2.

HOCKEY.

VICTORIA v. NANAIMO.

A game will be played to-morrow afternoon, commencing at 1.45 o'clock, between the Victoria College and Nanaimo ladies' teams at Oak Bay. The Victoria College team follows: Goal, Miss Losee; full backs, Misses Johnson and Dalby; half backs, Misses Bell, Somerville and Fullerton; forwards, Misses Moore, Westwood, Cameron, Bentley and Green. Miss Fisher is in reserve.

ANOTHER GAME.

The Victoria intermediates will try conclusions with the Nanaimo eleven to-morrow afternoon, starting at 3 o'clock, on the Oak Bay grounds. K. Scholefield will act as referee.

CONSULS IN THE EAST.

If you call upon a big British consul on business, it is as well to be sure that you have all your identification papers on your person, for you are liable to want them before you reach an inner door.

At the consulate you are confronted by an array of stalwart Chinese in gaudy uniforms, and flaunting the red cockade of official employ. There are corridors and passages, and boards with printed notices thereon; and doors painted "Private," and "Judge's Entrance," and other legends forbidding your progress; there is a real British constable, and men in khaki, and a waiting-room like that of a club doctor's surgery.

You wait.

The place suggests in turn a petty sessions court, a railway station waiting-room, and the vestry of a Nonconformist chapel. You expect to see horse-hair wigs, and horse-hair furniture, and wonder which is the way to the cells, and whether the consul has the "black cap," and if so, where it is kept.

After the usual formalities you may see the consul; as likely as not he will seem old and careworn, and look as though it were Sunday and he was not where he ought to be, but you had caught him. He will fidget with a monocle and shuffle papers, and gaze round at the plainest of plain official furniture as though searching for the logograms which his eyes love. And you will see that his hours of sunshine have been spent under an umbrella poring over books, and his evenings in gazing at the dust a few feet in front of a bicycle wheel.

And the man will be stiff and frigid, and metaphorically covered with the dust of ages, but only metaphorically, for from the way of him you know that he washes in cold water many times a day. You know that he goes to bed early, and to most things has a conscientious objection, and to all enterprise is a passive resister. You will bore the man, and the man will bore you, for he knows not your world, nor is he acquainted with the age you live in.

He awes you. It may be 120 degrees F. outside in the sun, but this office and its occupant produce a soul-chill; you get up and steal silently away before something breaks, and you emerge into the sunlight with the same feeling you have when you get out of your cold bath after having remained in it half an hour too long.

When you are really outside and hastening away, you turn to see if the motto under the British coat-of-arms over the doorway does not read "Non possumus," and you wonder what the consul does besides sentencing British subjects to deportation, and why they are deported, and how, and when, and whether it is done in public like a Chinese execution.

And if you can help it, you do not want to go to that dreadful place again ever.—From "A Secret Agent in Port Arthur," by William Greener.

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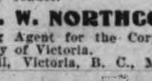
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Funeral Notice

Members of Victoria Columbia Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M., B. C. R., are requested to meet at the Masonic Temple, Douglas street, on Sunday next, April 2nd, at 2 o'clock sharp, for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late brother, Charles E. Stephens.

Members of Vancouver Lodge, No. 2, United Service Lodge, No. 23, and sojourning brethren in good standing are cordially invited to attend.

By order of the W. M.
B. S. ODDY,
Secretary.



I. O. O. F. Funeral Notice

The members of Dominion Lodge, No. 4, I. O. O. F., are requested to meet at the I. O. O. F. Hall, on Douglas street, at 2 p. m., Sunday, 2nd April, for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late brother, Chas. E. Stephens.

Sojourning brothers and members of sister lodges are cordially invited to attend.

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Sealed tenders addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tender for Heating Post Office, Nanaimo, B. C.," will be received at this office until Saturday, April 22nd, 1905, inclusively, for the construction of a heating system at the Post Office Building, Nanaimo, B. C.

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Persons tendering are notified that tenders will not be considered unless made on the printed form supplied, and signed with their actual signatures.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted cheque on a chartered bank, made payable to the order of the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, equal to ten per cent (10 p. c.) of the amount of the tender, which will be forfeited if the party tendering decline to enter into a contract when called upon to do so, or if he fail to complete the work contracted for. If the tender be not accepted the cheque will be returned.

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Northbound. Leave.	Southbound. Daily. A. M.	Arrive. P. M.	Northbound. Leave.	Sat., Sun. and Wed. P. M.	Southb'nd. Arrive. P. M.
Victoria	9.00	12.06	Victoria	2.00	7.00
Shawnigan Lake	10.20	10.46	Shawnigan Lake	4.20	5.40
Duncans	11.00	10.02	Duncans	5.00	5.00
Ladysmith	11.57	9.10	Ladysmith	5.52	4.00
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PILOTS' SIDE OF QUESTION GIVEN

REPLY TO REPORT OF BOARD OF TRADE

Claim Charges Are Higher on Puget Sound Than They Are Here—Saxonia Case Cited.

In response to the reqest of the pilotage committee of the Esquimalt Liberal Association, the local pilots have prepared a statement replying to the report presented by the special committee of the board of trade and published in these columns some time ago. The report is as follows:

Dear Sir:—In compliance with a request made by a committee from your body, appointed to inquire into the pilotage affairs of the Victoria and Esquimalt district, we, the undersigned pilots of the aforesaid district, beg to submit the following in answer to the published statements recently made by a committee of the Victoria Board of Trade:

1. The Board of Trade committee in its report dated March 7th says: "On 1st January the S. S. Saxonia called here for lumber, received 183,000 feet and paid port charges: Pilotage, $79; sick mariners' dues, $66.32; harbor dues, $5; total, $150.82."

The facts in regard to this item are that the S. S. Saxonia came here loaded with one million feet of lumber from Puget Sound and received at this port an additional lot of 183,000 feet, after she was already loaded down. Had she come here in ballast and been fully laden here her pilotage dues would have amounted to about $58.50. The Saxonia hires an American pilot at $230 per month, and, as she makes but one trip per month to Puget Sound ports, her American pilotage in and out each trip actually costs her $250, which is nearly four times as much as similar service would cost at the port of Victoria.

The item in regard to "sick mariners' dues" is correct, but it has nothing to do with the pilotage. It is, however, misleading, because it is made to appear as a regular charge, whereas the charge is made only on the first three trips the vessel makes to any Canadian port in the year, after which the vessel is exempt until the following year.

2. "It appears also that stevedoring charges are 25 per cent. per thousand feet of lumber higher than Puget Sound rates. In consequence of these charges the Kosmos people have increased their freight rates $1 and $2 per thousand feet on lumber from this port for Mexican ports over the rates charged by them on similar shipments from Puget Sound. We thought it advisable to take up these charges one at a time, and have commenced with pilotage."

With respect to this item, the stevedoring charges were higher than usual in this instance, because the Saxonia came to this port already loaded, and the lumber taken on here had to be placed in different parts of the vessel where available space remained. This necessarily increased the cost of loading; but, had the full cargo been loaded here, the stevedoring charges would have been less than at any Puget Sound port.

With regard to the Kosmos people increasing their freight rates from this port to Mexico: This has nothing whatever to do with port charges, and no complaint was made by the Kosmos people on that score. The extra cost to them lay in the fact that there was so little freight for them to call here for. The expense per diem of a vessel of the tonnage of the Saxonia is about $500. Thus, it is on account of there being an insufficiency of freight to cover the expense of calling here that a higher freight schedule for this port as compared with Puget Sound ports is imposed to make up the difference. But our keen trade rivals are pleased to have it noised abroad and placed to the credit of "high port charges," so as to induce the Mexicans to trade at their ports instead of placing larger orders with our merchants; and it appears that the committee of the Board of Trade are unwittingly helping our trade rivals to create this impression, to the injury of the business interests of Victoria. The best solution of this matter will be the establishment of a subsidized Canadian line to Mexico and a more active development of our abundant natural resources.

3. "Out of over 1,100 vessels entered from sea annually approximately only 100 accept the services of a pilot, and if pilotage were not compulsory your committee believe that most of the masters of these 100 vessels who accepted the services of a pilot would have docked their vessels unaided or preferred to make their own arrangements for pilotage."

With regard to the above, the truth is that only about 400 vessels arrived from foreign ports during 1904, the rest being local steamers, tugs, etc. Of these 400 about 150 accepted the services of a pilot. Thus, instead of a disparity of 11 to 1, as indicated in this remarkably misleading report, one vessel in three accepted the services of a pilot.

In thick weather many of the vessels who did not accept a pilot were nevertheless actually piloted to the wharf by fog signals from small boats, without being boarded. In such cases only half pilotage was collected, although it frequently took four pilots to do the work.

4. "As will be seen from the accompanying chart, no safer water can anywhere be found than that within the above prescribed limits. The only existing danger is at Brotchie Ledge, which is demarcated by a light and fog signal. As far as your committee can ascertain there has been only one casualty within the Pilotage Authority limits, namely, the collier San Pedro, which was taken out of her course by a pilot in order that he could reach shore more easily. The pilot ran the vessel on to the ledge in calm weather."

With reference to the wreck of the San Pedro on Brotchie Ledge: She was on her way to sea from Nanaimo, and was not making for the port of Victoria, neither had she a Victoria pilot aboard.

The report makes no reference to the Empress of Japan, whose master passed the pilots without stopping and ran his magnificent vessel ashore close to the Brothers, just outside Esquimalt harbor. Nor does it mention the case of the Australian liner Moana, whose captain did not stop for a pilot and ran his ship on the rocks at William Head; instead, it says: "There has been only one casualty within the Pilotage Authority limits, namely, the collier San Pedro." This, we respectfully submit, is proof that the report is not trustworthy.

"The pilots station themselves at the quarantine station, as soon as a vessel drops anchor she is 'spoken' and immediately becomes liable for pilotage."

This statement is also incorrect and misleading. The pilots meet incoming vessels about half-way between the quarantine station and Race Rocks and pilot them into quarantine. The best proof of this is that upon several occasions the pilots have been held in quarantine because of being on board an infected vessel.

With regard to the alleged large earnings of the pilots: This story, like the other statements, when sifted down also proves to be a myth, the average net earnings being in some cases less than is paid to masters of vessels in the regular coasting trade.

Investigation will show that pilotage at the so-called free pilotage ports of Puget Sound costs upon an average nearly four times that of the compulsory pilotage of Victoria; for instance, the charges on the S. S. Calthness at Esquimalt last year were $36 in and out of port. The charge on the same vessel at an American port on the Sound for similar service was $120.

The comparative cost of pilotage as between British Columbia ports and American ports on the Sound, taking a Blue Funnel liner drawing 20 feet as a basis, is as follows:

Vancouver—Gulf pilotage, 20 feet, $1, $20; in and out of Vancouver, 20 feet, $3, $60; Gulf, return, 20 feet, $1, $20; total, $100.

Victoria—Pilotage in and out of port, 20 feet, at $2, $40; total, $40.

Puget Sound—Blue Funnel liners make 1 trip monthly, and each pay pilotage, $250.

Thus it will be seen that the pilotage charges at the ports of Victoria and Esquimalt are $60 less than at the port of Vancouver, and $210 less than at the American ports of Puget Sound.

A most important consideration, quite overlooked, apparently, by the Board of Trade committee, is, that should compulsory pilotage be abolished at this port, it would make pilotage as a profession unprofitable and would probably result in the refusal of the big liners to call here at all because of their being unable to secure trustworthy pilotage. Besides, it would open the way for aliens to clandestinely act as pilots and thus rob this port of one more of its legitimate industries and divert the revenue now collected therefrom to the pockets of our aggressive trade rivals.

It is a remarkable fact that no marine man was appointed upon this extraordinary committee, nor, as far as we can learn, was one consulted; while the report itself furnishes ample evidence that the committee's source of information was biassed and unreliable.

As showing the general opinion of navigators upon this question, we cannot do better than quote from the Guild Gazette, the official organ of the shipmasters of British Columbia, a marked copy of which we enclose herewith:

"Foreign steamboat owners, principally American, are bringing pressure to bear upon the Victoria Board of Trade and through it upon the Dominion government in an endeavor to secure the abolishment of compulsory pilotage in British Columbia. Were the movement successful, the effect would be that the money now paid to British Columbia pilots and spent in the province would for the most part go into the pockets of aliens and be spent outside. The movement undoubtedly has its inspiration from abroad, it being manifestly hostile to the interests of the Canadian mariner. The plea of high charges and an embargo on commerce is absurd. One illustration alone will show the falsity of this claim. Last December the pilotage charges on the steamship Minnesota at San Francisco exceeded $1,000, while the pilotage charges under similar conditions at this port (Victoria, B. C.) were but $42. Comment is unnecessary. The fact is, our selfish and aggressive neighbor wishes to use our ports, but hates to leave a penny in the country."

We have the honor to be, sir,
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WILLIAM COX,
JOHN NEWBY,
JOHN THOMPSON,
THOS. BEBBINGTON,
Pilots for the Victoria and Esquimalt District.

In regard to the contention that steamship companies discriminate against Victoria in the matter of freight rates because of the pilotage charges, the pilots point out that the big freighters such, for instance, as those of the China Mutual and Oriental lines, have terminal rates. In other words, the rate is the same at Victoria as it is at Vancouver and Seattle. A Blue Funnel vessel drawing twenty feet has to pay $40 in pilotage at Victoria, while at Vancouver, including the gulf pilotage, the impost is $100. On the Sound the pilotage is $250. The largest sum collected for pilotage last year, they state, was $76, and the average was $28.

Three men were killed and one fatally injured by the explosion of a boiler at a sawmill near Matawan, W. Va., on Thursday.

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There are those who contend that the Minnesota and her sister liner, the Dakota, now on her way to the Pacific to enter the Oriental trade, will yet prove the success that their builder contemplated when he first awarded the contract for their construction. The Minnesota certainly made a slow passage on her inaugural trip across the Pacific, but she is expected to run much better in future, particularly when the British Columbia coal has been used aboard. An instance of how she can handle cargo may here be mentioned. At Tokio, according to the captain of the Kanagawa Maru in port last week, the ship discharged 9,000 tons into lighters in 36 hours. It is doubtful whether this record was ever previously achieved.

The statements about the steamer not being able to berth at any of the wharves on the Asiatic coast are very unfair. The steamer has gone to every port for which she had cargo, and that she did not berth at any wharf was no fault of hers. It is the custom of every liner running in the transpacific trade, excepting the vessels of the N. Y. K. fleet, to do likewise, though for what reason is not altogether clear.

On this voyage of the Minnesota she is bringing 10,000 tons of hemp from Manila as an initial shipment for the new Manila rope works being established near Smith's Cove, where the Minnesota docks when on the Sound.

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IN ICE FLOES.

The crew of the steamer Tacoma, owned by the Northwestern Commercial Steamship Company, of Seattle, which was captured by the Japanese March 14th, north of the island of Hokkaido, tell a graphic story of their adventures in the ice floes from February 4th to March 14th.

The Tacoma left Seattle at midnight January 5th and on January 14th reached Dutch Harbor, where she coaled. On February 4th the vessel became helplessly ice-bound north of Hokkaido island and was seriously threatened by the heavy ice-packs which crashed and pounded against her sides with a report that could be heard for miles. The decks and rigging were covered with hundreds of tons of ice. The crew expected that the vessel would be crushed, and made sleds so as to be prepared to seek land. The supply of coal ran short and the fires were put out, which resulted in many of the crew nearly freezing to death. Provisions also ran short and part of the cargo of beef had to be used.

On March 11th the Tacoma drifted in the midst of an ice floe only half a mile from the dangerous rock near which the British steamer Mars stranded a few days later. On March 14th the Tacoma encountered a Japanese warship, by which she was seized.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

Commanders of vessels are requested to avoid a black can buoy placed to mark a submarine cable in San Juan de Fuca Straits. The buoy is located by the following magnetic bearings: Race Rock lighthouse bearing N. W. ¼ N., Beechy Head bearing W. by N., and Angeles Point bearing south.

MARINE NOTES.

Repairs to the steamer Coquitlam will cost in the neighborhood of four thousand dollars.

The contract for the construction of the two barges to be used by Capt. Wallace Langley, of this city, on the Tanana this year has been let to the Alaska River Transportation Company of Seattle. They will be ready for shipment north on the next trip of the steamer Humbolt.

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(Issued by the tidal survey branch of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa.)

Date.	Time.	Height.	Time.	Height.	Time.	Height.	Time.	Height.
	h.m.	ft.	h.m.	ft.	h.m.	ft.	h.m.	ft.
1 ..	2 56	7.7	5 24	7.5	*9 53	8.0	18 20	2.1
2 ..	3 30	7.8	6 40	7.3	10 53	7.9	19 05	2.2
3 ..	3 50	7.7	7 33	7.0	11 59	7.7	19 45	2.3
4 ..	4 09	7.6	8 16	6.6	13 00	7.6	20 22	2.6
5 ..	3 55	7.5	8 55	6.1	13 57	7.5	21 00	2.9
6 ..	3 55	7.6	9 32	5.6	14 44	7.3	21 35	3.3
7 ..	4 00	7.6	10 09	5.3	15 30	7.1	22 00	4.0
8 ..	4 16	7.6	10 49	4.9	16 20	6.9	22 42	4.4
9 ..	4 49	7.7	11 34	4.6	17 21	6.6	23 15	4.9
10 ..	5 12	7.6	12 25	4.3	18 32	6.3	23 45	5.3
11 ..	5 46	7.6	13 20	3.9	20 12	6.2		..
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13 ..		..	6 29	7.7	15 12	3.3		..
14 ..		..	6 49	7.8	16 06	2.9		..
15 ..		..	7 28	7.8	16 58	2.6		..
16 ..		..	8 42	7.9	17 48	2.3		..
17 ..	3 15	7.1	5 37	7.0	10 21	7.9	18 35	2.1
18 ..	2 22	7.2	6 32	6.5	11 40	7.9	19 20	2.1
19 ..	2 14	7.3	7 25	5.8	12 48	7.9	20 08	2.2
20 ..	2 32	7.6	8 16	5.0	13 54	7.9	20 44	2.6
21 ..	3 00	7.9	9 05	4.2	14 59	7.8	21 24	3.1
22 ..	3 30	8.1	9 54	3.5	16 05	7.6	22 06	3.9
23 ..	4 02	8.2	10 46	2.9	17 16	7.2	22 51	4.7
24 ..	4 36	8.3	11 42	2.5	18 38	7.0	23 40	5.5
25 ..	5 11	8.2	12 42	2.2	20 24	6.9		..
26 ..	0 34	6.2	5 47	8.1	13 45	2.1	22 33	7.1
27 ..	1 35	6.8	6 25	7.8	14 51	2.1		..
28 ..	0 09	7.4	3 02	7.1	7 06	7.5	15 55	2.2
29 ..	1 08	7.5	4 57	7.1	8 03	7.2	16 50	2.4
30 ..	1 50	7.6	7 18	6.7	9 27	6.8	17 39	2.6
31 ..	2 18	7.5	7 32	6.2	11 03	6.6	18 24	2.9

The time used is Pacific standard for the 120 Meridian west. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The height is in feet and tenths of a foot.

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A MURDERER'S JOKE.

A Paris paper tells that at a recent murder trial the prisoner was found guilty. When he was asked if he had anything to say before sentence was passed, he stood up and said: "I beg that immediately after the execution I may be taken to Charenton" (the lunatic asylum). "Why?" asked the judge, in a surprised voice. The man shrugged his shoulders. "Any fool should know that. Because I shall have lost my head, of course."

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Municipal Notice.

Sewer Rental and Sewer Construction Tax.

Public notice is hereby given that under the provisions of "The Sewers By-Law, 1902," the roll for the year 1905 has been prepared and filed in my office, showing the owner of lands and real property fronting upon each branch, main, or common sewer, or drain laid in the city of Victoria, and showing the number of feet frontage of the land of each owner so fronting, and giving the name and address of each owner, and also giving the amounts each one is assessed in respect to sewer rental and sewer connection tax, which are to be paid according to the said By-Law. Any person whose name appears therein may petition the Council in manner hereinafter mentioned, viz.: "Any person dissatisfied with the number of feet frontage with which he is assessed upon such roll, whether upon the ground that the measurement is incorrect, or that the land and real property are not liable to taxation or are inequitably assessed under the provisions of this By-Law, may, not later than the 1st day of April in each year petition the Council for an alteration in such roll, and shall state his grounds for requiring an alteration."

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NOTICE.

All mineral rights are reserved by the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company within that tract of land bounded on the north by the south boundary of Comox District, on the east by the Straits of Georgia, on the north by the 50th parallel, and on the west by the boundary of the B. & N. Railway Land Grant.

LEONARD H. SOLLY,
Land Commissioner.



BY-LAW OF REGULATIONS FOR DISPOSAL OF MINERALS ON DOMINION LANDS IN MANITOBA, THE NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES AND THE YUKON TERRITORY.

Coal.—Coal lands may be purchased at $10 per acre for soft coal and $20 for anthracite. Not more than 320 acres can be acquired by one individual or company. Royalty at the rate of ten cents per ton of 2,000 pounds shall be collected on the gross output.

Quartz.—Persons of eighteen years and over and joint stock companies holding free miner's certificates may obtain entry for a mining location.

A free miner's certificate is granted for one or more years, not exceeding five, upon payment in advance of $7.50 per annum for an individual, and from $50 to $100 per annum for a company, according to capital.

A free miner, having discovered mineral in place, may locate a claim 1,500x1,500 feet by marking out the same with two legal posts, bearing location notices, one at each end on the line of the lode or vein.

The claim shall be recorded within fifteen days if located within ten miles of a mining recorder's office, one additional day allowed for every additional ten miles or fraction. The fee for recording a claim is $5.

At least $100 must be expended on the claim each year or paid to the mining recorder in lieu thereof. When $500 has been expended or paid, the locator may, upon having a survey made, and upon complying with other requirements, purchase the land at $1.00 an acre.

Permission may be granted by the Minister of the Interior to locate claims containing iron and mica, also copper, in the Yukon Territory, of an area not exceeding 100 acres.

The patent for a mining location shall provide for the payment of a Royalty of 2½ per cent. of the sales of the products of the location.

Placer Mining.—Manitoba and the N. W. T., excepting the Yukon Territory.—Placer mining claims generally are 100 feet square; entry fee, $5, renewable yearly. On the North Saskatchewan River claims are either bar or bench, the former being 100 feet long and extending between high and low water mark. The latter includes bar diggings, but extends back to the base of the hill or bank, but not exceeding 1,000 feet. Where steam power is used, claims 200 feet wide may be obtained.

Dredging in the rivers of Manitoba and the N. W. T., excepting the Yukon Territory.—A free miner may obtain only two leases of five miles each for a term of twenty years, renewable in the discretion of the Minister of the Interior.

The lessee's right is confined to the submerged bed or bars of the river below low water mark, and subject to the rights of all persons who have, or who may receive entries for bar diggings or bench claims, except on the Saskatchewan River where the lessee may dredge to high water mark on each alternate leasehold.

The lessee shall have a dredge in operation within one season from the date of the lease for each five miles, but where a person or company has obtained more than one lease one dredge for each fifteen miles or fraction is sufficient. Rental, $10 per annum for each mile of river leased. Royalty at the rate of two and a half per cent. collected on the output after it exceeds $10,000.

Dredging in the Yukon Territory.—Six leases of five miles each may be granted to a free miner for a term of twenty years, also renewable.

The lessee's right is confined to the submerged bed or bars in the river below low water mark, that boundary to be fixed by its position on the 1st day of August in the year of the date of the lease.

The lessee shall have one dredge in operation within two years from the date of the lease, and one dredge for each five miles within six years from such date. Rental, $100 per mile for first year and $10 per mile for each subsequent year. Royalty, same as placer mining.

Placer Mining in the Yukon Territory.—Creek, gulch, river and hill claims shall not exceed 250 feet in length, measured on the base line or general direction of the creek or gulch, the width being from 1,000 to 2,000 feet. All other placer claims shall be 250 feet square.

Claims are marked by two legal posts, one at each end, bearing notices. Entry must be obtained within ten days, if the claim is within ten miles of Mining Recorder's office. One extra day allowed for each additional ten miles or fraction.

The person or company staking a claim must hold a free miner's certificate.

The discoverer of a new mine is entitled to a claim of 1,000 feet in length, and if the party consists of two, 1,500 feet altogether, on the output of which no royalty shall be charged, the rest of the party ordinary claims only.

Entry fee, $10. Royalty at the rate of two and one-half per cent. on the value of the gold shipped from the Yukon Territory to be paid to the Comptroller.

No free miner shall receive a grant of more than one mining claim on each separate river, creek or gulch, but the same miner may hold any number of claims by purchase, and free miners may work their claims in partnership by filing notice and paying fee of $2. A claim may be abandoned, and another obtained on the same creek, gulch or river, by giving notice and paying a fee.

Work must be done on a claim each year to the value of at least $200.

A certificate that work has been done must be obtained each year; if not, the claim shall be deemed to be abandoned, and open to occupation and entry by a free miner.

The boundaries of a claim may be defined absolutely by having a survey made and publishing notices in the Yukon Official Gazette.

Petroleum.—All unappropriated Dominion lands in Manitoba, the Northwest Territories and within the Yukon Territory, are open to prospecting for petroleum, and the Minister may reserve for an individual or company having machinery on the land to be prospected an area of 1,920 acres for such period as he may decide, the length of which shall not exceed three times the breadth. Should the prospector discover oil in paying quantities, and satisfactorily establish such discovery, an area not exceeding 640 acres, including the oil well, will be sold to the prospector at the rate of $1 an acre, and the remainder of the tract reserved, namely, 1,280 acres, will be sold at the rate of $3 an acre, subject to royalty at such rate as may be specified by Order in Council.

W. W. CORY,
Deputy of the Minister of the Interior.
Dept. Interior.

LAND REGISTRY ACT.

Take notice that an application has been made to register Andrew Agnew as the owner in fee simple, under a Tax Sale Deed from the Mayor and Clerk of the Corporation of the city of Victoria to Andrew Agnew, bearing date the 24th day of September, A.D. 1904, of all and singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the said city of Victoria, in the province of British Columbia, more particularly known and described as being, Firstly: the whole of lot three (3), in blocks I and J, section 74, map number 304, and, secondly, part of lot eight (8) in blocks I and J in section 74, map 304, situate on Terrace avenue, described as follows: That portion of lot eight (8) lying to the east of a line being an extension of the divisional line between lots two (2) and three (3) in said blocks I and J to the southern boundary of said lot eight (8).

You are required to contest the claim of the tax purchaser within thirty days from the date of the service of this notice upon you, and in default of a caveat or certificate of lis pendens being filed within such period—and in default of redemption—you will be forever estopped and debarred from setting up any claim to or in respect of the said land, and I shall register Andrew Agnew as owner thereof.

Dated at Land Registry office, Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this 28th day of September, A.D. 1904.

S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar-General.

To Walter G. Agnew, Esq.

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W. JONES,
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AUCTION SALE

Under instructions received from Mrs. A. C. Crowther, I will sell on Tuesday, the 4th day of April, at 11 a. m., at 98 Yates street, corner Douglas, all the furniture and effects of the Cambridge House, consisting of a complete outfit and furnishings of a well appointed lodging house. Goods now on view. Terms cash.

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Particulars later.

Wm. T. Hardaker, Auctioneer

ARE AGAIN MOVING ON THE RUSSIANS

(Continued from page 1.)

THE NEW RUSSIAN INTERNAL LOAN.

St. Petersburg, March 31.—5.30 p.m.—Prices on the bourse to-day had a decidedly firmer tendency, imperial Russian fours registering a slight interest. Government securities were steady. Banks were firm and industrials gained an average of a point.

Subscriptions to the new internal loan will be opened by the St. Petersburg and Moscow banks to-morrow.

WANTS RIGHT-OF-WAY TO VLADIVOSTOCK.

St. Petersburg, March 31.—4.40 p.m.—It is very difficult to shed additional light on the peace pour parlers. From all the information obtainable it is regarded as certain that actual negotiations between the belligerents are not yet under way, but the task of bringing them together is proceeding informally through the United States and France in the persons of President Roosevelt and M. Delcasse, the French foreign minister, who have been apprised of Russia's irreducible minimum, which, in addition to no cessation of territory or indemnity, is believed to include a guarantee of the right-of-way over the Siberian railroad to Vladivostock, through Northern Manchuria.

It is possible that there may be a pause before the next move occurs.

Added significance is now attached to President Roosevelt's desire to have Ambassador McCormick proceed forthwith to Paris, where, being familiar with the conditions at St. Petersburg, he could render great assistance to Ambassador Porter in any negotiations, it being now known that General Porter will remain in Paris until the end of April. The fact that the President's instructions were sent to McCormick ten days ago, gives some color to the reports from abroad that Japan took the initiative by approaching the President, but the idea with which this is coupled, that the President will act as mediator, is not credited.

The diplomats here generally believe that the negotiations once begun will be conducted directly between representatives of the warring countries. One very prominent diplomat, however, expressed to the Associated Press the opinion that all the powers are likely to be drawn in, and that there might be another congress of Berlin. He pointed out that all the powers interested commercially in China were vitally concerned in safe-guarding the open door policy to which they were pledged, and must be consulted as to the future status of Manchuria and collateral questions, such as the possible internationalization of the Eastern Chinese railroad, etc. He described it as being understood, however, that he did not mean that the powers would attempt to rob Japan of the fruits of victory. Such a congress might be held after Russia and Japan had concluded peace.

MEN ARE FORBIDDEN TO LEAVE HARBIN.

St. Petersburg, March 31.—A dispatch from Gen. Linevitch, dated March 30th, says:

"There is no change in the situation. The enemy is displaying activity east of the railroad. Heavy snow fell during the night."

A telegram from Gunshu Pass, 108 miles north of Tie Pass, Manchuria, says Gen. Linevitch has forbidden the inhabitants of Harbin, with the exception of the women and children, to leave that place without special permits, fearing that the town may be denuded of workmen.

VIEWS OF FRENCH MINISTER TO STATES.

Washington, March 31.—M. Jusserand, the French ambassador, is of the opinion that peace is not an immediate prospect between Russia and Japan.

He so expressed himself after a visit to President Roosevelt to-day to bid him good-bye before the President goes on his southwestern trip, and said that both combatants at this time appeared to be bent on continuing hostilities for a satisfactory adjustment of their difficulties. He added that he did not talk with the President on the subject of mediation, and he did not believe that the Washington government had yet concerned itself officially in any movement looking to the cessation of the war.

It was learned, however, that the prospects of peace were discussed at length.

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BRIEF LOCALS

—The clearings for the month of March showed a gratifying increase over those for the same month last year. They were $2,874,943. In March, 1904, they were $2,416,835; in March, 1903, $2,187,806; in March 1902, $1,830,139, and in March, 1901, $2,243,541.

—The possibility of arranging a race meet here in connection with the Victoria Day celebrations is being discussed by members of the Victoria Driving Club. Some days ago C. A. Harrison, proprietor of the Driard hotel, was quoted in the Times as saying that such an event would attract large crowds here from neighboring cities on that occasion. His opinion is almost unanimously endorsed, and it is understood that active steps will be taken in a few days towards arranging a local meet for the celebrations. Besides securing some good purses and other prizes it will be necessary to repair the track in order to insure the success of such an event.

—Business Manager Rush Bronson, of the Redmond, is to-day receiving the congratulations of his colleagues in the profession on the reaching of another milestone in his busy career. It would not do to state precisely which milestone it is, but Mr. Bronson might give the information in a confidential communication on application. He announces that the two bills to be presented by his company next week will be "A Bachelor's Romance" and "My Wife's Honor," neither of which has been given by the Redmond people here. In the reference to new members of the company yesterday the name of Miss Meta Marsky was omitted. This young lady has won golden opinions since she cast in her lot with Mr. Redmond's organization.

—The fire record for March is as follows: March 1st, 5.45 p.m., smoke issuing from wall of Victoria hotel; March 3rd, 6.40 p.m., sparks from Jubilee hospital; March 6th, 7.45 p.m., box 46, false alarm; March 7th, 4.35 p.m., roof of house, Douglas and Fisguard streets, loss $5; March 8th, 9.15 p.m., box 43, false alarm; March 16th, 8.15 p.m., box 14, false alarm; March 19th, 5.30 a.m., fire in Anderson's cigar store, Davis hotel block, loss $250; March 22nd, 11.45 p.m., sparks from chimney, Douglas and Cormorant streets; March 24th, 1.30 a.m., box 7, overheated chicken brooder, Montreal and Quebec streets, loss $5; March 30th, 11 a.m., overheated stovepipe at Fairfield and Moss streets; March 30th, 6.45 p.m., 'phone, fire on roof of Mr. McIntyre's house, Victoria West, outside limits.

—"In the Confederate Service" and "Ole Olson," as presented by the Watson company last evening at the Redmond, was enjoyed by a fair-sized house. The sketch "In the Confederate Service" or "The Deserter" is a perfect little gem of playcraft, and Mr. Watson is to be complimented upon his admirable creation. There are but three characters in the piece, Lieut. Carroll, Sergeant O'Brien and Madge Bedloe. The action takes place during the conscript in Tennessee in an old deserted cabin in the mountains. The play occupies but twenty minutes in presentation, but it is good enough and has material enough for a whole drama. Mr. Watson plays Lieut. Carroll, Miss Wallace is the Madge Bedloe, and Tracy McDermott appears as O'Brien. In "Ole Olson" Mr. Watson of course plays the title role and is extremely clever in it, too. The balance of the cast is in good hands. This week will close the Watson Company's engagement in Victoria.

LORD KELVIN'S CONDITION.

(Associated Press.)

London, March 31.—The bulletin issued to-day by the physicians in attendance upon Lord Kelvin, the distinguished scientist, who is in a critical condition as the result of an operation, says he passed a restless night, and that his condition is not at all satisfactory.

OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE.

London, March 31.—The annual field sports between Oxford and Cambridge took place at the Queen's club to-day. Oxford won 6½ events to 3½ for Cambridge. W. E. Schutt, the Rhodes scholarship man from Cornwall University, was only able to finish second to a S. D. Smith (Jesus, Cambridge), in the three-mile race. Time, 15 minutes 8 4.5 seconds.

KENNEL CLUB SHOW.

Local Premium List Credit to Victoria Association Management.

The Victoria Kennel Club annual show, to be held on April 19th, 20th and 21st, promises to be the most successful ever held here both in point of the number of entries and the quality of the competing canines. Some days ago the premium list was issued, and it certainly is a credit to the management of the local association. Over forty silver cups are offered, all of which are won outright. The prizes have been distributed with careful judgment, the most popular classes being given many valuable awards and, at the same time, great pains having been taken to place cups, etc., so that small but promising classes may be encouraged. It will be noticed that English setters, cocker spaniels and fox terriers are treated particularly well, while handsome cups have been placed in such classes as collies, bull and Boston terriers in order to induce local and outside fanciers of these breeds to put their dogs on exhibition. For the first time since the disorganization of the Western Kennel League the show will be governed by the Canadian Kennel Club rules. This year's show will be held in the Y.M.C.A. annex hall, corner of Broad and Pandora streets.

Corn Jokes

are all very well when you are not suffering. Some people look almost glad to get a sore foot, they have to step so gingerly. Carples Corn Cream will remove them all in three days or your money back. At all druggists or if your druggist does not keep it, send 15 cents and your druggist's name and we will send you a full size box and two corn cushions free.

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WANTED—A good strong boy to learn baking. Apply 39 Fort street.

WANTED—Situation by young girl as nursemaid to children from 3 to 4 years, or would do light house work. Address Box 625, Times Office.

LOST—Gold bar brooch, with pearl in centre. Finder please return to 52 Government street.

TO LET—Bedroom, sitting room and use of kitchen; central. A., Times Office.

WANTED—To sell, cheap, 1 second-hand top buggy, 1 split-seat cart, 1 light wagon and 1 phaeton. Brayshaw's Carriage Factory, Broughton street.

TO LET—Furnished, for six months, residence, corner Cadboro Bay and Fernwood roads. Dr. Ernest Hall.

TO-NIGHT—At 8 o'clock, in Y. M. C. A. Hall, 200 views of British Columbia; musical selections. Admission, 10c.

SATURDAY SPECIAL CASH PRICES—Our own cure picnic hams, eleven cents pound; fresh pork, grain fed pork, sausage, etc. Robert Eccles, provisions, Todd Block, Douglas street.

SPECIAL INVESTMENT—$315 bond (secured by government), fully paid, "York County," bearing 5 per cent. interest, running 5 years, for $300 cash; owner needs money. "S.," Times Office.

I.O.O.F. NOTICE

The officers and members of Victoria Lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F., are requested to meet at their Lodge Room, Douglas street, on Saturday, April 1st, at 1.30 p. m., for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late brother, Herbert George Lewis. Members of sister lodges and sojourning brothers are cordially invited to attend.

By order of the Noble Grand.

F. DAVEY, Secretary.

FATALITY AT LADYSMITH.

(Special to the Times.)

Nanaimo, March 31.—Henry Henderson, cook of the barque Melanope, was killed by an accident at Ladysmith last night. While intoxicated he climbed from the bunkers and fell into one of the chutes, crushing his head and breaking his neck. A companion, a seaman, who is stated to have also been intoxicated, stayed around the bunkers all night, only reporting the matter this morning. He went on the bunkers to look for Henderson, and fell off to the track, 35 feet below, injuring himself, but not seriously.

TO LET

8-Roomed house, Cadboro Bay road, possession April 7, rent per month $25 00
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LEWIS—At Duyford Villa, on the 30th inst., Herbert George Lewis, aged 77.

The funeral will take place from the residence at 2 p. m., on Saturday, and from the Reformed Episcopal church at 2.30 o'clock.

No flowers.

STEPHENS—At the Provincial Royal Jubilee hospital, on the 29th inst., Charles Edwin, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Stephens, 34 John street, Victoria, B. C., aged 25 years.

Funeral will take place Sunday, April 2nd, at 2.30, from his late residence, 33 John street, and at 3.00 p. m. from Centennial Methodist church.

Friends please accept this intimation.

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FOR SATURDAY

In order to keep up the interest in our store we shall have special Bargains every week. To make Saturday a very interesting day we shall offer for sale

30 pair of Gent's Vici Kid Bal., Goodyear welt, dull kid leg, a very stylish boot. Solo brand. Regular price, $4.50; Saturday $2.75

33 Ladies' Patent and Enamel Kid Bal., McKay sewn and Goodyear welts. Were $3.00 to $4.50; Saturday $1.95

30 pair Boys' Buff Boots. Regular price, $1.50; Saturday $1.00

60 pair Child's Patent Slippers, heavy soles, Old Country make, sizes 4 to 10; Saturday 50c

See our tables for bargains.

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7-LB. SACK B. & K. R. OATS 30c. a sack.
5-LB BOX GOOD CEYLON TEA $1.25
5-LB. BEST JAVA and MOCHA COFFEE $1.75
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SEE OUR DISPLAY OF SATURDAY SNAPS

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